ABOVE: Walking in the steps of pilgrims, (See page 6).

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

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Porthcawl landmark building is 80 years old!

Some special guests were recently invited to a celebration at the Grand Pavilion. (See page 8 for a report).

THAT'S THE TICKET!

Bridgend woman scoops a cool £250,000 on Lotto

RIGHT Heather Richards from Bridgend, who hit the jackpot on the Lotto Plus 5 prize draw.

A HEALTH worker from Bridgend has won £250,000 in the Lotto Plus 5 draw.

Mother-of-two Heather Richards works as a forensic Mental Health Act administrator and won the top prize after she decided to spend the final £1 in her National Lottery online account on a Lotto Plus 5 ticket.

Heather (47), said: "I can't believe I've won the Lottery! I didn't realise it happened to ordinary people like me. It's still sinking in and I'm delighted that it will make life a little easier for me and my sons."

She plans to ease her mortgage, and her elder son's, and help her younger son with his university education.

Heather, who has worked for the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board for nine years, is currently planning a fundraising effort for a cancer charity in memory of her father, Graham, who died from cancer just 12 weeks ago.

She and four workmates began twice-weekly golf lessons five months ago, and, while all five of them are golfing novices, they are hoping to reach a standard where they can arrange and take part in a charity match.

"All the proceeds from the charity game of golf will go to cancer research and if we can help just one person in their own battle with cancer, then our efforts will have been worthwhile," Heather explained.

Mark David..."A loving father...who was full of life."

Fatal crash: tribute paid to 'loving father'

THE family of a father who died in a road collision at Llangeinor on Monday, August 13, have paid tribute to him.

Mark David, aged 41, from Aberkenfig, was involved in the collision at approximately 11.55am on the A4064 at the square in Llangeinor.

Mr David's family said: "*Mark was a loving father, son and brother, who was outgoing and full of life. He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.*"

South Wales Police are investigating the collision and say Mr David was a passenger in a silver Renault Clio, which is believed to have been travelling from the Blaengarw area, before it left the carriageway and collided with a lamp post.

A 40-year-old man from the Sarn area has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He has been released on police bail, pending further investigations.

Witnesses to the collision or anyone who witnessed the driving of the silver 55-plate Renault Clio can contact the Roads Policing Unit on 101, or Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Bridgend Adoption Centre Open Day

On Saturday 18 August from 10.30am to 4pm Bridgend Adoption Centre is holding an Open Day!

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CATS PROTECTION

Man is found guilty of dangerous driving on the A48

A COWBRIDGE man faces the possibility of a jail sentence after a jury at Newport Crown Court found him guilty of dangerous driving.

The case concluded last Thursday, August 9, and Edward Adams, aged 60, of Cross Farm, Pentre Meurig, will be sentenced on August 30. Judge Daniel Williams told Mr Adams that a jail sentence was likely.

Simon Richardson, the Paralympic gold medal cyclist from Porthcawl, was on a training ride, on the A48 at Crack Hill, near Colwinston, on August 17 last year. He was aiming to be selected for this year's Paralympics.

At 9.40am, he was hit by a small van and sustained severe injuries. including fractures to his spine, sternum and pelvis.

Mr Adams was arrested the same day.

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BCBC launches rural enterprise Green Shoots

Andrew Care, in the rural ward of Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend county borough.

A NEW scheme, called Green Shoots, in Bridgend county borough will encourage business development and entrepreneurship in rural areas.

BCBC's economic development unit's scheme will offer up to £1,000 for capital or revenue support to 'micro' businesses (businesses which employ nine people or fewer).

Businesses should be based in one of the county borough's 21 rural wards and the funding can cover up to 100 per cent of the eligible costs.

The project also supports centres of rural enterprise, which enables larger organisations to provide incubation and assistance to smaller businesses through the provision of starter units, hot-desking, shared ICT facilities and exhibition space.

Deputy Leader of BCBC, Coun David Sage, said: "It is extremely encouraging to see European funding put to good use and reaching the rural parts of the county borough. Over three quarters of the borough is classed as rural.

"This support will be delivered to the areas that need it the most and will provide a stimulus for private sector investment, which can only deliver a positive outcome for the future development of the local economy in these areas."

The project will also offer an advisory service for fledgling businesses and new starts looking to get some expert advice on the road to success, along with existing enterprises looking to grow, diversify or just get up-to-date with the latest business practices.

Running until the end of 2013, the project has a budget of £20,000 allocated to bursaries, £240,000 for development of centres of rural enterprise and around £130,000 for advice and assistance.

The Green Shoots project is part-funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development through the Welsh Government.

For more information, contact Andrew Care, rural enterprise officer – Green Shoots project on e m a i l : andrew.care@bridgend.gov.uk

Relationship advice offered on free course

PEOPLE in Bridgend county borough are being offered the chance to learn the skills and qualities needed to be part of a healthy relationship with the Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme this September.

As part of the Siaradwn Ni – Let's Talk Big Lottery funded programme, the Bridge is holding an Agored Cymru (OCN) accredited Level 1 course – understanding and handling relationships.

Meeting every Thursday for three weeks starting September 13 from 6pm-9pm, at their venue in Dunraven Place in Bridgend town centre, admission is free to anyone living or working in Bridgend or Neath Port Talbot county boroughs.

A spokeswoman said: "Available to anyone over 16, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, the three sessions are ideal if you would like to understand a little bit more about yourself and others.

"You will learn the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship, the skills and qualities needed to realise the importance of communication (including active listening, negotiation, explanation and feedback), and helping you to identify positive and negative effects of power and control.

"You may also understand how different issues can lead to self harm, myths and facts of self harming and the importance of feedback."

Throughout the year, the Siaradwn Ni programme holds courses throughout Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot county boroughs including suicide intervention training, emotional wellbeing courses and activities and provides access to counselling for those affected by suicide.

For further information visit *www.siaradwn.org.uk* or call 01656 810400.

To book, or for further details, telephone 01656 647891 or email: bridgempstraining@gmail.com / angela@the-bridgemps.org.uk

Bryngarw is set to host return of free jazz event

Last year's event was a huge success!

THE popular, free 'Music in the Park' event returns to Bryngarw Country House this summer, "offering sounds to suit everyone's tastes"

Sunday August 19 – a range of mellow classic and recent hits with contemporary acoustic duo New Druids;

Sunday August 26 – gypsy-inspired jazz with Hot Club Gallois.

This year's event has something on offer for all the family to enjoy, as children's entertainers will be encouraging children to make their own music, play exciting games and take part in fun quizzes.

Admission to Music in the Park is free with a car park charge of £2.50. All events are set on the award-winning 113 acres of parkland.

Please note that there is no wet weather cover or seating provided, but you are welcome to bring your own chairs or picnic rugs.

Pre-performance lunches and cream teas will also be available at the Harlequin Restaurant at Bryngarw House.

For further details, or to make reservations, call 01656 729009, or send an email to: bryngarw.house@bridgend.gov.uk. Light snacks will also be available at the park café.

READERS' LETTERS

'I SUPPORT THE PLANNED ARTS CENTRE!'

I SUPPORT plans to create an 'arts centre' in the soon-to-be-redundant premises of Bridgend Library in Wyndham Street.

Bridgend town has been in need of such a centre for many years. Its provision would enable us to celebrate our local artistic heritage and create a valuable social and cultural space.

Art and heritage are of inestimable importance. In the future, they will be of great financial significance.

The creation of a 'Bridgend Arts Centre' will indicate that this borough is readying itself for the challenges that lie ahead.

Robert Minhinnick
Bridgend

Bell tolling for the EU?

ONE of The GEM's regular correspondents, Mrs DE CoombesHerridge, is well known, through The GEM, as an avid and assertive opponent of the EU in all of its manifestations over the years.

No Empire lasts forever, and the EU will be no exception. Writing in The GEM eight years ago (January 15, 2004) Mrs Herridge berated the EU for its "nutty ideas" on straight bananas and cucumbers. (No matter that this interpretation of EU legislation was incorrect).

I have been selected twice as a European parliamentary candidate (for the 1989 and 1994 elections), but even I consider that the bell may finally be tolling for the EU, as we know it, with the probable imminent collapse of the European currency.

I do recall my old university friend, Lord (Neil) Kinnock writing a vitriolic anti-EEC pamphlet with others in the early 1970s (eg Denzil Davies MP) against the institution, and calling for our withdrawal immediately.

He was applauded on the Left and vilified by the Right (in political terms).

All that changed when he later became Labour Party leader and then EU commissioner; as did his stance on the House of Lords when he and Glenys received peerages.

Mrs Coombes-Herridge has remained consistent: I admire her for that and, who knows, she may soon see the EU – her pet hate – implode.

What then? What will Mrs C-H have to write about? Let's wait and see!

Christopher Short, Barry

Porthcawl SHOUT and Sandy Bay

LAST week's GEM carried a front page article detailing Porthcawl SHOUT's issuing of a "discussion document" on developing Sandy Bay.

The article continued onto page 10, where the secondary headline made mention of 'Rest' Bay.

*We have been asked to point out that SHOUT's discussion document referred only to Sandy Bay – **as was made very clear throughout The GEM article itself.***

Porthcawl Lions' next two events!

PORTHCAWL Lions club would like to make Porthcawl residents and visitors from near and far aware of two events taking place this weekend.

There will be a beach clean-up, organised by the club in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy, on August 18 from 10am – noon.

The Lions would like as many members of the public as possible to go along to The Rest Hotel grounds wearing stout shoes and gloves.

Also, this Saturday and Sunday, from 10am–4pm at The Seabank Hotel, there is a giant book sale, with thousands of books on sale at very reasonable prices

Over the last 32years, Porthcawl Lions Club has raised many thousands of pounds, all of which it has donated to various (mainly local) charities, as well as helping out with many town events.

At present, there are 30 members, 21men and nine women – but, in order to continue its work, the club is constantly looking to recruit new members and will hold a membership drive in late summer.

The club meets at the Hi-Tide at 8pm on the first two Tuesdays of every month. Fundraising and other events tend to take place at weekends, although a few are held mid-week.

Members are free to help at as many or as few as they choose. If you would like to know more, or are interested in joining Porthcawl Lions, telephone Don on 01656 788583.

Meanwhile, why not come along to the beach clean-up and the book sale?

JOHN COSSON

Town Council welcomes planning correspondence

BRIDGEND Town Council is encouraging people to get in touch if they have concerns over a planning issue in the Oldcastle, Newcastle or Morfa wards.

The council's new-look planning committee has been expanded to 10 members, who are all being encouraged to undergo training.

The committee is chaired by Coun Bob Burns, who has 20 years' experience as a principal planning officer in a county council.

Coun Burns said: "Town and community planning is one of the most democratic processes around, and the Welsh Government views it as increasingly important.

"If people wish to express their opinions on a particular application, Bridgend Town Council is a port of call. Members will attend site visits and speak out when appropriate."

Decisions on planning applications are made by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), but town and community councils are consulted as part of the process. As the level of local government closest to the people, they can register support for an application, make objections or observations, and generally represent grass roots views.

Anyone with concerns over a particular planning application should write to the town clerk, Council Offices, Glanogwr, Bridgend, CF31 3PF, or call: 01656 659943.

Quiz questions

1) How is George O'Dowd better known in music circles?

2) Where specifically in the human body would you find the Axilla?

3) Which player won 32 soccer caps for Wales during the 1990s and early 2000s, two of his three clubs being Blackburn Rovers & Crystal Palace?

4) Which foreign car manufacturer has models called the Lexus, Corolla and the Tundra?

A.RUDGE
(for Quiz League).

ANSWERS:
1) Boy George.
2) It's your armpit.
3) Chris Coleman
4) Toyota.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
16 Thur	06.22	8.8	18.39	9.2
17 Fri	07.01	9.3	19.18	9.6
18 Sat	07.37	9.7	19.55	9.9
19 Sun	08.17	9.9	20.33	10.2
20 Mon	08.55	9.9	21.11	10.1
21 Tues	09.29	9.8	21.47	9.9
22 Wed	10.14	9.8	22.33	9.7
23 Thur	10.54	9.4	23.14	9.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Tory AM backs call for Sandy Bay caravan site to be re-opened

SHADOW Welsh Regeneration Minister, Byron Davies, is backing Porthcawl SHOUT's request that part of the Sandy Bay caravan site be re-opened for camper vans and touring caravans.

Mr Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM for South Wales West, said that he had read in The GEM of SHOUT's suggestion.

"They are saying that as Porthcawl regeneration is in limbo, then something should be done now at Sandy Bay, and I agree.

'BOMB-SITE

"It has been left looking like a bomb-site for the past 12 years and there is no end to that in sight at present.

"With Phase One of the regeneration delayed because of the Tesco withdrawal, the chances of Phase Two proceeding within the foreseeable future are very slim.

"In my view, BCBC acted very hastily in closing down what was a successful caravan site 12 years ago and then totally clearing the area, demolishing perfectly serviceable toilet and shower blocks as if the builders were going to move in the day after. In their place, they created a wilderness.

"The council could have enjoyed 12 years of profits from this site to date, and that income would have more than covered the cost of any refurbishment of facilities that was needed," he claimed.

"I know that hindsight is a wonderful thing, but it was obvious even then that Phase Two, which includes Sandy Bay, would of necessity only happen after Phase One was completed and that there was no immediate need to take the drastic action that they did.

"It was a very bad error of judgement on the part of the council, which has had dire economic consequences for both council taxpayers and Porthcawl traders."

Mr Davies went on: "The loss of revenue to the council for, as yet, no financial return on the land, has probably cost more than a million pounds over 12 years – money that has had to be made up from council tax increases.

"Also, there has been a loss of trade to Porthcawl in general, and to shops and businesses in New Road in particular, from the fact that thousands of motorhome and touring caravan owners have been unable to visit the resort.

"I am also concerned about the fact that Porthcawl, as a seaside resort, has no facilities at all for these visitors. This is something that needs to be addressed. Enough time has been wasted."

Mr Davies is calling on the council to carry out a feasibility study into the suggestion made by SHOUT.

"They must work out the cost of installing facilities for tourers and how long it would take to recoup that outlay.

"If the timescale is such that it is likely the money will be reclaimed before the land is needed for the housing development planned, then they should proceed.

"Councillors should bear in mind that the world was a very different place in 2007, when this scheme was being prepared and land values worked out.

"House building is at an historic low and land values have dropped well below those pre-recession prices.

"The council may well have to delay marketing this land for housing for 10 to 15 years. It has signed a 20-year agreement with the private owners of other land within the regeneration area so it has a long time-scale within which to work. That makes a temporary caravan site more viable.

"Longer term, the council can then look for an alternative site to accommodate tourers when they finally have to move off Sandy Bay.

"But in the meantime, the town could probably have moré than a decade of increased revenue brought into the local economy by these visitors," the AM concluded.

In response, Deputy Leader Coun David Sage said: "Perhaps Mr Davies failed to notice in the article in last week's GEM that BCBC is considering possible options for accommodating touring camper vans within the Sandy Bay area, and will feed back to SHOUT and other interested parties in due course."

MP's local surgeries

MADELEINE MOON, MP for Bridgend, is holding cafe surgeries today at the Co-op Pyle, from 10am-12noon; and at Sainsbury's Bridgend from 2pm-4pm.

Young actors' film is set for BBC debut

On location in Bridgend.

YOUNG actors have been out on the streets of Bridgend, shooting a film that will be shown by the BBC later this year.

The film is part of the 'It's My Shout' series, which started life some years ago as a summer off-shoot from the Bridgend Youth Theatre, run by the theatre's director, Roger Burnell.

Roger told The GEM that it had always involved shooting six short films, using local actors. Originally, those films were shown on ITV, but the project had moved to the BBC in recent years. This summer's film, entitled 'The Mob' was shot on location in Bridgend, in partnership with Bridgend College.

Set in the aftermath of the 2011 London riots, it follows a group of teenagers who are surreptitiously planning something, and the film promises an unexpected twist.

It was shot over three days in July, and was written by Amanda Jenner and directed by Marcus Thomas.

The lead actor is Greg Sage, who also choreographed a number of sequences in the film.

The lead character Kyle, is played by Greg Sage.
(Photographs by Mission Photographic)

BRACKLA/BRIDGEND WI NEWS

Branch members celebrate county WI show success

THANKS to members who took part in the Glamorgan WI show in North Cornelly and gave up their time, both at home and at our craft days. We had a successful day.

We won first prize in the horticultural show, a cooperative display in a basket, with three different home grown fruits and two different home grown herbs, plus a jar of fruit jam.

We also had a highly commended in the 'duck in any craft', a cross stitch made by Pauline Long and (not forgetting the men) a cooked item which can be eaten with a pint of beer received a highly commended for Paul Bufton!

We would also like to thank all who attended and contributed to the strawberry tea run by Jayne Caudy and her family in aid of the Breast Cancer charity in Trinity Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, July 28 – she rose £200.

We also had four members on duty at the Eisteddfod on August 8 enjoying the atmosphere and good weather.

The next meeting of Brackla/Bridgend WI will be held on September 18 in Hope Baptist Church at 7.30pm.

If anyone is interested in coming along to see what the WI has to offer, you are most welcome. We will be having a go at 'New Age curling'...

TVB

Pictured above, are: Gina Hooper, Inst Cdt Flt Sgt Nathan Cooper, and chairperson Kay John.

Council's donation to Kenfig Air Cadets

AUGUST 7 saw a visit from the chairperson of Pyle Community Council, Kay John, and Gina Hooper, to present a cheque for £100 to the Kenfig Hill Air Cadets for their support on the recent fun day held at Kenfig Hill RFC grounds.

The cheque was received by Instructor Cadet Flight Sergeant Nathan Cooper, on behalf of the Squadron, and Flt Lt Barry C Thomas, Officer Commanding said he was always happy to support the community when the Squadron was able. The community council's donation would be put to good use for the cadets and he thanked the council for its continuing support.

If you are at least 13 years old, why not join 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC? We are also looking for adult staff members and civilian committee members. We parade on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm-9.30pm.

For more information, contact the Squadron on parade nights (tel no 01656 670125).

LINDSAY THOMAS
Secretary, Civilian Committee

LAYING INDIAN MYTHS TO REST

PEARL welcomed everyone to the recent Newton WI meeting and reported that the summer tea had been a great success, with over 60 people attending.

The committee had made a superb spread of sandwiches, cakes, scones and strawberries. and a team was chosen for the federation quiz.

The summer fare in Trinity was a great success, including our WI cake stall. The lunch club was held at St Mary's Golf Club, with more than 30 ladies attending; the lunch was organised, as usual, by Jan.

The summer walk was at Aberavon, led by Sherpa Shirley and her gang. Refreshments were taken afterwards at Remo's. With the business over, Pearl introduced the speaker, Mr Vernon Edwards, who gave a very informative talk on the North American Indians

They came originally from Arctic Serbia and spread from Canada down to the Gulf of Mexico, being pushed off their land.

Mr Edwards explained that the John Wayne films were not a true portrayal of native Americans. Following the talk, we were shown an Indian headdress and some weapons.

The vote of thanks was given by Betty, who informed us that a relative of hers was a Canadian Mountie, who had adopted a young Cree Indian.

Ladies, if you would like to join us, call Pearl 01656 772657, or Pat on 01656 788003.

Patrica Theodore

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Wilderness wins Green Flag for the second year

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jo Hamilton, Coychurch Crematorium manager and Registrar; Coun Ella Dodd, Coity Ward, BCBC; Chris Higginson, BCBC Parks; Carol Lowery, Friends of Wilderness Lake; John Griffiths AM, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development; Mel Howells, BCBC Parks; Tony Powell, of the Wilderness Allotments Association.

THE Wilderness Lake in Bridgend has been given a Green Flag Award by Keep Britain Tidy for a second year.

Green Flag is a prestigious environmental award which recognises that we have met a high benchmark standard for parks and green spaces in the UK.

This year, Bridgend County Borough Council won the award for its work at Coychurch Crematorium and Wilderness Lake.

RECYCLING COMPANY'S LLANDOW INVESTMENT

ABOVE: Siteserv managing director Nigel England

A recycling company has announced a substantial investment, aimed at expanding its business.

Llandow-based Siteserv Recycling last week announced that it would spend £400,000 investment on new equipment.

Privately funded, the investment covers the purchase of an industrial Meggabite Baler that will prepare waste streams, including plastics, cardboard, paper and aluminum, for the export market.

A company spokeswoman said: "With a turnover in the region of £13 million, the export market currently accounts for around 12 per cent of Siteserv's business.

"This is expected to double over the next two-year period, as demand for recyclables worldwide continues to increase, and residual waste is sent to the Netherlands."

The spokeswoman explained that non-recyclable waste goes to the Netherlands, where is is burnt to generate heat and power for the city of Amsterdam..

Siteserv Recycling is privately owned by managing director Nigel England. The company employs 120 staff and operates from sites in Llandow, Pencoed and the north of England, where they operate on behalf of local authorities and private businesses.

Nigel England said: "Over 17 million tons of waste is produced each year in Wales and that needs managing effectively if we are to achieve Welsh Government targets of 75 per cent recycling by 2025 and zero waste by 2050.

"Our material recovery facility (MRF) has been specifically designed to manage the treatment of municipal solid waste.

"The process involves hand-sorting plastic bottles, plastic films, cardboard, papers and wood from the waste stream. Steel items and aluminum cans are mechanically removed.

"The remaining product can then be burnt as a substitute for coal in Energy from Waste (EfW) plants across the UK and Europe."

"In a typical week, we will process 200 tons of cardboard, 100 tons of newspaper waste, 95 tons of office paper and 20 tons of plastic bottles for recycling.

"We also handle some 35 tons of polythene and 10 tons of glass each week."

He concluded: ""Zero landfill is a target that we must all embrace if we are to meet the increasing requirements of EU legislation and the needs of future generations. Continued investment is therefore essential."

Award for architects behind the new school

THE architectural practice that designed the Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School near Bridgend was been awarded the Gold Medal for Architecture, supported by the Design Commission for Wales, at the National Eisteddfod of Wales.

Cardiff-based HLM Architects received the medal at the National Eisteddfod 2012 in Llandow. The selectors praised the scheme for being "a clear statement of how good design can help build a fantastic school community."

The Design Commission for Wales supports the Gold Medal for Architecture in partnership with Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru, along with the Plaque of Merit and the Architecture Scholarship, which are awarded in association with the Royal Society of Architects in Wales.

The gold medal is awarded to architects responsible for buildings completed between 2009 and 2012 and recommended to the Eisteddfod as being of greatest merit. HLM Architects beat off competition from almost 30 entries from 22 practices across the UK.

One of the judges, architect Rhian Thomas, design associate at the Design Research Unit of the Welsh School of Architecture, said of the scheme: "From the moment you are drawn into the grand entrance of the school, it is clear that social interaction and human integration have been carefully crafted to create a sense of togetherness in the school.

"The architecture offers opportunities for the students to express themselves, to be mindful of others and to learn in new and interesting ways.

"Finally, there are areas of contemplation, allowing the students to slow down and reflect, far too often neglected in today's continually fast moving society."

As part of the Eisteddfod celebrations, the Architecture Scholarship of £1,500 is awarded to promising younger designers to enable them to further their understanding of creative architecture. Supported by the Design Commission for Wales, this year's scholarship was awarded jointly to Katherine Jones (22) of Penarth, and Owain Williams (23) of Treharris.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: CLIVE MITCHELL
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TEL: 01656 725399
email: tynycoed1@yahoo.co.uk

Top marks!

CYNFFIG Comprehensive has received one of the best Estyn inspection reports for secondary schools throughout Wales.

Its standards have been judged as excellent in 13 out of the 15 categories, which places it as one of the top three schools in Wales.

The report concludes that the school is achieving standards significantly above local and national averages, with pupils displaying excellent levels of behaviour and positive attitudes to learning.

Its English department was judged to have the most outstanding teaching team in Wales, and has been chosen to represent Wales in the finals of the national teaching awards.

Pen-y-Fai WI

MEMBERS recently had an enjoyable coach outing to Monmouthshire, stopping off at Dewstow gardens, created by HRK Oakley, a director on the Great Western Railway at the end of the 19th century.

The gardens then fell into disrepair, and were eventually buried and returned to farmland just after the end of the war. The gardens were rediscovered in 2000 and a huge excavation and renovation project began in 2001.

The gardens were a wonderful place to wander in, with beautifully landscaped paths and decorative beds, rock gardens, waterfalls and many ponds, and the Dewstow Grottoes made this place really fascinating.

After lunch, they travelled to Veddw House with its world-renowned modern romantic garden which had been created over 20 years, by one of Britain's most influential gardeners Anne Wareham, helped by Charles Hawes.

The members then proceeded to Tintern Abbey before returning to Pen-y-Fai.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 17 in Pen-y-Fai C of E primary school hall at 7pm.

Rehearsals

THE Maesteg children's choir will be recommencing rehearsals on September 8 at 10am in Plasnewydd primary school hall, Maesteg.

The choir recruits new members in September and January aged from eight to 17.

Annual concert

OGMORE Valley male voice choir will be holding its 30th annual concert at Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Ogmore Vale on September 15 at 7pm.

The compère for the evening will be Boyd Clack. The choir, formed in 1982, starred in the film 'Very Annie Mary', it performed the opening music to the *Dirty Sanchez* movie, and has performed at Cardiff Castle, Welsh Millennium Centre, Cardiff Arms Park, St David's Hall, Royal Albert Hall and the Manchester MEN Arena.

The choir rehearses at the centre on Thursday evenings between 7pm-9pm; visitors and new members welcome.

Weekend off

TONDU Primary School pupils from year-6 had a recent residential weekend away at Morfa Bay, located near Pendine sands, Carmarthenshire.

The accompanying teachers Mrs Lucas, Mr Lewis with head Mrs Pilcher were very pleased with the way the children tackled all the challenges.

They had taken part in caving, body boarding, high ropes, zip wires and archery.

The children had particularly enjoyed the mud assault course on Sunday afternoon before arriving home, tired and still slightly covered in mud!

Aberkenfig WI

EUNICE WILLIAMS, president of Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute, greeted members at the last meeting before the summer recess and proposed birthday greetings.

The main subject for discussion at the meeting was the proposed coach trip to the Welsh Botanical Gardens.

On July 28, the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes held its annual show in Cornelly. Even though Aberkenfig has a small membership compared to some WIs in the area, it won two certificates – both highly commended – for a picture of a village cricket match in acrylics by Pauline Soley; and for a bridesmaid's headdress by Gillian Williams.

These items will be displayed with all the Aberkenfig entries at the September meeting.

Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig at 2pm.

The next meeting will be on September 12 when the speaker will be Mr Bray whose subject is 'Knights of the Black Bag'. The competition will be for a small item beginning with the letter 'K'; there will be a sales table. and a nice cup of tea.

Details of all activities of Aberkenfig WI can be obtained from Pat Lewis on 01656 721933, or by visiting the website on www.cobwebs.co.uk

Who wants to build what and where in the county borough?

DTZ – **Biotec House, Western Avenue, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – one fascia sign to side elevation and three directional signs. DTZ Debenham Tie Leung – **Biotec, units 2100, 2110 and 2120 Central Park, Western Avenue, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – fascia signs to front, side and rear, goods in and goods out signs to front, reception sign to front – non-illuminated. Mr Jason Murphy – Orchard Cottage, Church Street, Porthcawl – reduce one Eucalyptus by 35 per cent, fell one Lawson's cypress and replant, remove one elm and fell and replant one apple tree. Mr A Poole – **The Coach House, Heol y Felin, Heol Y Cyw, Bridgend** – change of use of coach house to two bedroom dwelling – re-sub of 11/32. JW tudor – **Ty Wrth y Coed, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend** – erect hay barn (prior notification). Lewis and Perry – **land off Bryn Road, Ogmore Vale** – four dwellings (remainder of six dwellings approved on P/07/132/FUL – affecting footpath 51 Ogmore Valley. Coychurch Primary School – **Coychurch Primary School, Main Road, Coychurch** – new cycle shelter with capacity to store 10 bicycles. Mr Damir Murathodzic – **13 Gallt y Ddrudwen, Broadlands, Bridgend** – change of house type to include conservatory to rear. Mr M Evans – **1 Gallt y Ddrudwen, Broadlands, Bridgend** – amendment of house type to include conservatory. Mr H Lewis – **Dan y Graig Farm, Elder Drive, Porthcawl** – conversion of derelict farm buildings to holiday accommodation – two units. Mr A Thomas – **Yn y Pwnt, Uchaf Farm, Llangynwyd, Bridgend** – retention of stable building to be used for agricultural purposes and retention of access from public highway. Mr T Lewis – **Crown House, 316 New Road, Porthcawl** – reconstruction of existing boundary wall and new wall to inner garden. Mr Mark Austin – **72 Ewenny Road, Bridgend** – two storey extension. Mr A Jeramiah – **21 Charles Street, Bridgend** – alteration and extension to existing dwelling and new garage to rear. Cyncoed Property Ltd – **junction of Coychurch Road and Heol y Groes, Pencoed** – relax condition 11 of P/10/791/FUL to permit use for A1 purposes. Cenin Limited – **site of former water town, former Stormy Down Aerodrome, Bridgend** – provision of one wind turbine on site of former water tower. Great Western Staff Association Club – **Great Western Staff Association Club, Station Approach, tondu** – new entrance and alterations to toilets. Mr Aidrian Jones – **7 Blundell Avenue, Porthcawl** – proposed attic conversion. Right Road Renewables – **land at Stormy Farm, Pyle** – request for screening opinion for the erection of a single wind turbine. Ms M Morgan – **land opposite 9 Garon Terrace, Nantymoel** – detached house (outline application) re-sub- of P/12/324/OUt. Mr Dalby – **82 The Chase, Brackla, Bridgend** – lean-to conservatory to rear of property. Mr and Mrs T Mullins – **adjacent 54 Blaengarw Road, Blaengarw, Bridgend** – proposed end of terrance three-bed dwelling. Persimmon Homes East Wales – **parcel R4-2 Parc Derwen, Bridgend** - reserved matters application for 96 dwellings and associated road, landscape and parking. Mr David Tran – **8 Newcastle Hill, Bridgend** – change four front window (Article 4 Direction) - re-sub of P/12/165/FUL.

The official launch attracted a large turn-out.

Blue skies greet the launch of marina project in Porthcawl

THE £3.2m project to create a marina in Porthcawl Harbour was launched last week.

The harbour will be converted over the next nine months into a marina for up 70 berths, as well as visitor moorings, with a permanent depth of water for the pontoons and boats.

The project will also see the creation of a new lock gate with pedestrian foot bridge and extension to the eastern breakwater, engineering work to the harbour walls, a new pontoon system and the renovation of the harbour master building.

The Bridgend County Borough Council-led project was officially launched last Friday, when Deputy Leader, Coun David Sage, formally handed the site to the contractor BAM Nuttall. Coun Sage said: "It's an absolute pleasure to be in Porthcawl today marking such an important milestone in our ambitious regeneration project.

"This time next year, we will be looking out on the brand new Porthcawl Marina, which will really set the scene for ongoing and future regeneration.

"The quality of this project and the significant investment which we as a council are putting into it, underlines how serious we are in our ambition to make Porthcawl a 21st century seaside resort which will benefit residents, business and visitors alike.

"It's important to say this project also forms part of a scheme to make Porthcawl and Swansea Bay a Water Sports Centre of Excellence that is being part funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government, Visit Wales, as well as the council's own financial resources."

The design of the marina has been developed by Atkins' marine engineering division in consultation with the Porthcawl Harbour stakeholder group.

The project will see BAM Nuttall, contractors with significant expertise in marine construction, excavate the harbour down to its original natural rock floor, so a permanent depth of water can be created for the pontoons and boats.

A council spokesperson said: "Following environmental tests, the excavated material will be recycled to help create a new surface for developing the nearby Salt Lake car park, saving an estimated 1,000-plus lorry movements passing through the town. Movement of the material will be independently monitored under Environment Agency approved protocol.

"The project is expected to be completed in nine months and has already led to a surge of interest from boat owners hoping to secure a berth."

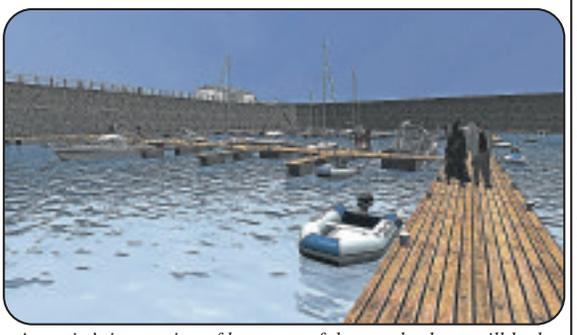
Coun Sage added: "I'd like to thank the council's regeneration officers and those members of the Porthcawl Harbour stakeholder group who have worked hard to get us to this important stage.

"I'd also like to thank and acknowledge the wider community of Porthcawl and their representatives, who I know are so keen to see their town developed and who are such passionate campaigners for local regeneration.

"I feel confident that our contractor BAM Nuttall will do a top class job on the Porthcawl Marina. BAM have an excellent reputation for delivering quality projects of this type.

"They are also a very important local employer at their base in Pencoed, which means there are benefits for the much wider community. I wish them every success for the next nine months.

Find out more about the new Porthcawl Marina at the harbourside exhibition open every Monday at 9am-12pm (excluding bank holiday); Wednesday ,5pm-7pm; and Friday, 1pm-5pm, until August 31.



An artist's impression of how part of the new harbour will look.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Peter Postie

MANY people in Llangan, Treoes and St Mary Hill have been saddened by news of the death of the wife of our favourite postman, Peter.

Many locals attended the funeral which took place at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium on August 10.

We are hopeful in the village that Peter will soon be able to resume his work as our postie.

Eisteddfod delights

ON August 10, accompanied by a friend, I paid a visit to the National Eisteddfod which this year was situated a few miles from my home village.

What a delight it proved to be: we thought perhaps we would not be able to converse with the people exhibiting their wares, but although our Welsh is somewhat limited, everyone we came in contact with conversed in English.

We found beautiful art work in glass, and jewellery that was affordable. We were entertained by various artists performing in the pink pavilion and a welcome cuppa and Welsh cake made our visit complete.

Saron service

THE service at Saron Chapel, Treoes on Sunday was disappointing, with only 14 villagers present – considering that Mrs Daphne Parker had travelled from Ogmore Vale to conduct it.

Olympic Games

WHAT a fantastic two weeks we have enjoyed – congratulations to all our athletes, whether successful or not, in winning a medal. We are proud of you all.

Lyn (and Nancy) fight to join in fun runs

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

RIGHT: Local MP, Alun Cairns, is backing local dad Lyn Thomas who wants o be able to push his daughter Nancy along in charity road races in south Wales.

A dad who has completed fun runs for charity while pushing his 18-month-old daughter along in a buggy, fears health and safety red tape might prevent him from taking part in events at Swansea and Cardiff.

A few weeks ago, The GEM highlighted Lyn Thomas taking part in the TATA Cardiff Bay five mile race with his daughter Nancy who has cystic fibrosis.

They both finished the fun run without any mishaps, but organisers of other races have been less sure about the practice.

Lyn wants to take part in 10k fun runs in Swansea and Cardiff, but organisers are using health and safety rules as a reason to reject his application.

Lyn, who along with his wife Lucy is keen to raise the profile of the CF Trust, wants his daughter to be a part of the family's fundraising efforts.

"Exercise is not just important for Nancy. It is imperative to keep her lungs healthy and may prevent her needing a lung transplant at a relatively young age and extend her life.

"I am determined to give her every opportunity to enjoy running, first as passenger and hopefully as a runner when she is a little older."

Vale MP, Alun Cairns, said he was supporting the Llantwit Major family and claimed it was "a nonsense" to prevent Lyn and Nancy's dual participation when people regularly run marathons in a host of extravagant fancy dress outfits.

Mr Cairns said he would be taking the matter up with race organisers, adding: "While running last year's London Marathon, I was overtaken regularly by many people dressed in the most elaborate costumes.

"Some people were chained together and others were running in tandem.

"It is difficult to believe that someone pushing a buggy is such a health and safety threat.

"Coming after the Olympics, it is hard to believe that some organisers are putting hurdles in the way of people who want to raise money for charity and help change attitudes towards cystic fibrosis.

"If the other races are happy to accommodate Lyn and Nancy, why can't these 10k events?

"Lyn is determined to share the enjoyment of running with Nancy so that she will hopefully follow in his footpath when she is a little older."

Mr Cairns believes preventing Lyn and Nancy from taking part might breach disability legislation.

The organisers of Cardiff Half Marathon to be run in October say they are looking at how Mr Thomas and Nancy could be accommodated.

Lyn and Nancy in action earlier this year when they took part in the TATA Cardiff Bay five-mile road race.

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TACKLING A 500-MILE ROUTE FROM FRANCE TO NORTH-WEST SPAIN

Local woman's charity walk in the footsteps of pilgrims

A LOCAL woman is back home, after completing a 500-mile walk along a pilgrim trail that has been walked for hundreds of years.

by PHILIP IRWIN

Dawn Cole is currently back in Porthcawl after walking from St Jean-Pied-du-Port near Biarritz in France to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain – a walk that she completed in 33 days.

The cathedral in Santiago de Compostela is dedicated to St James, and the walk is known in English as 'The Way of St James'.

Although it is strongly associated with Christianity, it has become a spiritual journey that attracts people from all faiths.

Dawn told The GEM: "I first had the idea of doing the walk when I was reading Paulo Cuelho, and I thought that if a 60-year-old man could do it, then so could I".

Friends encouraged her to do it for charity, and she set up a 'just-giving' page in aid of Ty Hafan, the children's hospice in Sully.

So, after taking a budget air flight to south west France, she started out on the walk, which is 790 kilometres (about 500 miles).

She soon discovered that it doesn't ease the walker in gently. The toughest stretch is almost at the start, as walkers have to cross the Pyrenees. Dawn said: "I found it almost as tough coming down for long stretches as it was going up!"

After that difficult start, the terrain evened out, and Dawn said that sections of it reminded her strongly of Wales.

It was a question now of settling into a daily routine, making use of the network of hostels that have sprung up along the pilgrim route.

ABOVE: The booklet that every pilgrim receives, stamped by a members of each parish along the way.

ABOVE: Dawn Cole, back in Porthcawl with her booklet of pilgrim's stamps.

The hostels charge around five Euros a night, although for that travellers have to be content with a dormitory.

Walkers can choose to pay more and stay in guest houses and small hotels, but the hostel option means that the walk can be done quite cheaply.

Dawn said: "Doing the walk in the summer meant that it was really hot by midday. As a result, I woke about 5.30am, had breakfast and tried to cover about 15 miles by noon.

"Then I would find a hostel, crash out and sleep for a few hours, and then wake, get cleaned up, do some washing, rest for the rest of the day and do the same thing the next day."

Part of the charm of the walk is that so many people have a story to tell about their reason for taking on the challenge.

Dawn said: "I met a woman who was taking her husband's ashes all the way to Santiago.

"A man from Holland told me that when his son had cancer, he had prayed for his recovery, and had promised to do the walk if he recovered. He was keeping that promise."

Although the Way of St James is clearly associated with the Christian faith, it has become a physical and spiritual journey for all. Dawn became a Buddhist some time ago, and never felt anything other than welcome.

She said: "The hostels are run by the parish church, but no one asks for any proof of Christianity. It is recognised that everyone on the walk is on a personal journey.

"Meeting so many people along the way was what made it so special. You would talk one day, then lose track because you were walking at different paces, and then meet again some days later, catch up and listen to each other's stories."

Dawn's own story is that she takes on adventures such as this because she has a history of depression. That particular sense of bleakness and lack of hope was strong in her teens and through into adulthood.

For years, she was caught in a spiral of depression and low self esteem – which she believes led to bad things happening in her life – and those in turn led to a deepening depression.

She also strongly believes that people do not receive enough education into their own mental health issues.

Although she became a nurse, she still didn't see her problems as being linked to depression.

She said: "Things started to change for me when a friend pointed out that all these negative thoughts were keeping me down, and argued that I could turn things around.

"That started me on a process of studying, and realising the ways in which I replace those negative thoughts with positive ones.

"There is no quick fix, but the more you learn about your own mental health, the more you can find the strength and strategies to pull yourself out of it."

She emphasised that building self esteem and self confidence is a gradual thing, but she turned things around so completely that in 2004 she set off travelling the world, coming back to the UK in 2007.

Since then, she has become even more passionate about the benefits of education, believing that it widens people's horizons and gives them far more options.

While she was walking through northern Spain, she was also getting out her lap top in the evening because she is studying for a humanities degree with the Open University.

Quite a change from her upbringing in Kenfig Hill and Pyle, struggling with depression – not that she realised it at the time.

She expects the urge to travel will strike again soon. At the moment, she is considering walking in this country – along Offa's Dyke.

However, for the moment she has fond memories of that walk through Spain, and the people she met.

Pilgrims kept a booklet and get it stamped at different points along the route, before presenting it when they arrive in Santiago.

She said: "There is a real sense of camaraderie among the pilgrims. Some have walked 500 miles, while some take a bus and skip some of the less scenic sections.

"Some do a week a year and do it over five or six years, and others cycle it!

"Apparently, only a quarter finish it on that first attempt. I saw a number of pulled muscles, an achilles tendon problem, and a broken arm!"

Everyone attends the pilgrims' Mass when they arrive in Santiago – one is held every day. According to Dawn, it is quite a tourist attraction.

In fact, many of the most committed will walk for a further four days to Cape Finisterre, where St James was, according to legend, buried at sea.

For Dawn, her lasting memories of the walk will be the people she met. She said: "I remember a guy called Emerich. He lent me a blanket because it was cold in the Pyrenees, and I never saw him again, until I met him outside the Cathedral in Santiago.

"Then there was a Japanese man who was so delighted to have finished, that he was talking of doing the longest version, which starts In the east of France and is more than 1,000 miles!"

It is clearly a walk that gives people time to think, and starts them planning and dreaming.

Dawn believes that lack of education narrows people's horizons and ties them down.

She, and her fellow pilgrims, are a prime example of what can be achieved when you set yourself free...

Hitchhikers take to the road, to Help the Heroes

Back: Richie Wells and Phil Duckworth. Front: Phil Jones and Gavin Davies.

ON Saturday, September 15, four plucky Porthcawl men will set out on the challenge of a lifetime – hitch-hiking from 'The Bull' in Llangefni on Anglesey at 12 noon to Porthcawl, as far south as they can get in Wales, to raise money for 'Help for Heroes'.

The four intrepid trekkers are ex-servicemen Richie Wells and Phil Duckworth, MoD employee Phil 'Barney' Jones and Gavin Davies, who signed up believing it was a race from North to South Cornelly…!

They will be split into two teams and the first pair back home is guaranteed a fantastic welcome and a free pint between them.

Each team will be equipped only with £5 and a mobile phone for emergencies, and they plan to rely on their wits to complete the gruelling journey.

There will be entertainment at 'The Ancient Briton' over the weekend and all are invited to cheer the lads' homecoming, which is scheduled for Sunday lunchtime.

Sponsorship forms are available in 'The Ancient Briton' on Newton Green and other local pubs, so please support this valiant effort for a worthy cause.

If you wish to donate online, visit www.justgiving.com/philip-jones6 or follow their epic journey on the event's Facebook page 'North Wales to South Wales in 24 hours'.

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Study day focus was on helping grieving parents

HELPING families cope with the devastating loss of a baby or child was the focus of a study day in Bridgend for maternity staff from across the UK.

It was hosted by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board (ABM).

It was an opportunity for teams, including volunteers, to learn from health professionals, from both ABM and neighbouring health boards, and talk about ways to support their patients.

Staff were presented with research and advice in areas such as post traumatic stress, giving sensitive information and how to explain situations to children. Also, parents from a local support group were asked to take part to give their perspective, explained Cathy Dowling, Head of Midwifery.

"The loss of a baby or child is an extremely upsetting time for a family, and it is vital that we provide the best possible care and support.

"We had excellent feedback for the study day. In particular, staff valued the contribution and insight provided by our local parents.

"The day was an opportunity for ABM to lead the way in highlighting the issues surrounding bereavement, and what we can do in our role as health professionals.

"We were able to come together as colleagues to discuss providing support for everyone affected by a bereavement, not only the parents, but other members of the family and staff who worked closely with them."

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It was 80 years ago today.... when Porthcawl's Pavilion was opened

by KEITH E MORGAN

THE Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl is 80 years old, and the occasion was marked by a special birthday party (see page 8) when a special group of local residents were invited to enjoy an afternoon's entertainment..

On this page, local historian Keith E Morgan has collected photographs that chart the construction of a building which is still Porthcawl's most recognisable feature.

THE Grand Pavilion is Porthcawl's 'Jewel-in-the-Crown': when it was built and opened in 1932, modernity was considered to be the keynote of its architecture.

The most significant feature was the large octagonal concrete dome directly surmounting the main auditorium and concert hall.

A Grade II Listed Building since 1998, the dome is a classic example of the early application of ferrous-concrete (Ferrocrete) in building construction.

Over the years, the Grand Pavilion has been a magnet for entertainment and has attracted a cavalcade of many well known artists and shows to its doors.

In the days of the 'big bands', famous orchestras performed to a packed dance floor and many a budding romance developed into a long term marriage relationship.

As well as being a focal point for parades and civic ceremonies, the Grand Pavilion is a venue for both amateurs and professionals alike.

It has been home to concerts, recitals, operettas, ballet, boxing and wrestling contests, conferences, talent competitions, beauty contests, pantomimes, summer shows and the all important Miners' Eisteddfod.

The Grand Pavilion continues to be a centre of attraction and a venue for entertainment. Every encouragement is given to local choirs, schools and operatic societies as well as to youth theatre and dance development groups where work shops are set up to assist with learning.

The management of the Grand Pavilion has operated a work experience programme with the local schools.

Through this scheme, many youngsters put their first foot on the ladder to satisfy their ambitions in becoming theatrical performers or technicians..

It is an institution that is an integral part of our heritage. Generations have passed through the building's portals, as both patrons and artistes.

LEFT: A Perspective View of the proposed Grand Pavilion as drawn by the Architect E. J. E. Moore on December 7, 1931. The design was fabled to be based on a similar style building in Singapore!

ABOVE: The promenade at Porthcawl before the erection of the Grand Pavilion with the still existing 'Westward Ho!' on the left of the photograph and the sadly now demolished Esplanade Hotel on the right..

ABOVE: Preparing the construction of the octagonal dome for the Grand Pavilion. The picture, taken in 1932, shows George Matthews (arrowed), the Carpenter and Office of Works Engineer, with members of the building crew. Because of the importance of the use of ferrous concrete in the construction of the dome, the Grand Pavilion was given a Grade II Listing in 1998.

LEFT: The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, as it looked following completion in 1932. The picture serves to highlight the prestigious position the building occupies facing the sea on the Esplanade. It had been erected in record time. Estimated to cost £21,000 to build, the final figure for both the Grand Pavilion and Winter Gardens alongside was £25,000

ABOVE: Aerial View of the Grand Pavilion taken about 1958 showing the commanding disposition it has on the promenade overlooking the seafront at Porthcawl.

The site for such a municipal building had been reserved for in their wisdom and foresight by the Brogden family,vr egarded as the founders of Porthcawl. The Porthcawl Urban District Council had secured an option on this land, known as Brogden's Field, in 1915, but the events of World War I had prevented any development at that time. Following the cutting of the first sod on October 9, 1931, the site was cleared and construction of the foundations for the Grand Pavilion began.

By early 1932, the structure of the Grand Pavilion was taking shape and construction had proceeded almost to the point where work could start on the erection of the ferrous concrete dome.

GRAND PAVILION CELEBRATES 80 YEARS WITH A SPECIAL OCTOGENARIANS' PARTY

IMAGES by GRAHAM DAVIES PHOTOGRAPHY

PORTHCAWL'S Grand Pavilion marked its 80th birthday last week with a birthday party attended by residents who were also 80 years old, having been born in 1932.

The seaside building, noted for its octagonal dome and striking frontage, first welcomed theatre-goers on August 8, 1932.

Exactly 80 years on, the Grand Pavilion hosted a special afternoon tea party on August 8 for the 80-year-olds.

The guests were treated to music, entertainment and afternoon tea, and helped blow out the 80 birthday candles on top of a special cake.

Coun Lyn Morgan, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for wellbeing said: "As a council, we're very proud to own and run the Grand Pavilion.

"We wanted to do something special to mark the occasion, so we're absolutely delighted that residents also born in 1932 joined us to celebrate."

The pavilion was built at a cost of £25,000 – the equivalent of £1.4m today.

Coun Russell Mabley JP, chairman of Porthcawl Urban District Council, performed the official opening ceremony, which was followed by an inaugural ball and enjoyed by more than 400 dancers.

During World War II it was used by many organisations as a meeting or assembly centre, and in 1943 the Porthcawl Sea Cadets provided a guard of honour at the Grand Pavilion for the visit to the town by the Prime Minister Winston Churchill's wife, Clementine.

In 1957, singer, actor and civil rights activist Paul Robeson was famously invited by Welsh miners to be their honoured guest at the Pavilion's annual Eisteddfod Music Festival.

A US Government travel ban prevented him from appearing in person, but through a secretly arranged transatlantic telephone link up between New York and Porthcawl, Robeson was able to sing to the miners gathered inside the theatre.

In May 1996, Prime Minister John Major attended the Welsh Conservative Party Conference at the Grand Pavilion. Security was so intense for the visit, its drains were inspected and sealed days before the Prime Minister's arrival and armed police were mounted on top of the Pavilion and adjoining buildings.

Originally designed to have open shelters on either side of the main entrance, where visitors could sit and enjoy the sea air in all weathers and all seasons, the Pavilion was redeveloped in the early 1990s and the shelters converted to administration offices and a café/bar.

In 1998, The Grand Pavilion was recognised as a Grade II listed building from the use of the early application of 'Ferrous concrete' in the construction of the building of the dome.

Over the years, the Grand Pavilion has attracted many well-know artists and shows to its doors. At the start of the 1970s Stan Stennett ran the first of his summer shows .

Other famous names include Cilla Black, Janet Brown, Ken Dodd, The Beverley Sisters, Ruth Madoc, Danny La Rue, Max Boyce, Paul Daniels, Suzi Quatro, Gerry & The Pacemakers, Rob Brydon, Eddie Izzard, Cerys Matthews, Hayley Westenra and Katherine Jenkins.

The Grand Pavilion is also a well-used venue for local choirs, schools, operatic societies and dance development groups. The award-winning Bridgend Youth Theatre is also based there.

The main hall has a theatre seating capacity of 643 and also boasts one of the finest sprung dance floors anywhere in south Wales, so it is still regularly used for ballroom dancing classes, as well as tea dances.

The Bridgend County Borough Mayor, Coun Marlene Thomas, with the Grand Pavilion's birthday cake.

'Smuggling weapons through airport could lead to prosecution'

KNUCKLE dusters, extendable steel batons, flick knives, ball bearing guns, throwing stars and a samurai sword are among items recently seized by Border Force officers from passengers at Cardiff Airport.

So far this year, dozens of these firearms, knives and offensive weapons have been found in luggage offloaded from holiday flights.

Many of the passengers have bought the items while on holiday believing that they are legal in the UK because they are on general sale in resorts in countries like Spain, Turkey and Bulgaria.

With the busy summer holiday season fully under way, Border Force is reminding travellers heading abroad to think carefully before bringing back holiday 'souvenirs'.

Carrying items that are banned or for which a licence or permit is needed is illegal.

Officers will seize these items and people caught smuggling them could also face prosecution and imprisonment.

Alex Lawther, from Border Force in Wales, said: "Just because you can legally buy an item while on holiday abroad does not mean you can bring it back to the UK."

"If you are caught trying to smuggle dangerous weapons into the country or simply unaware of the controls in place, these weapons will be detected and confiscated and you could face prosecution.

Hannah lands Silver – and Wales lands a record medal haul!

LEFT: Hannah (left) taking the plaudits of the British crowd at Weymouth after she and Saskia had received their medals.

HANNAH MILLS from Dinas Powys won a silver medal at the Olympic Games, contributing to Wales' biggest ever haul in sport's greatest festival.

Hannah and fellow team member Saskia Clark took part in the 470 sailing class at Weymouth.

Although Hannah, aged 24, was "gutted" to have missed out on gold, it was one of Wales' record seven medals in an Olympic Games.

Hannah and Saskia crossed the finishing line last Friday, August 10, in second position in the decisive race with New Zealand taking gold.

People in Dinas Powys can't wait to welcome Hannah and her family home.

In The Star public house in the centre of the village, where Hannah's brother Michael once served behind the bar, there was mounting excitement as the girl from Dinas Powys closed in on a medal.

The Star's landlord Michael Farrell said: "We're looking forward to having a glass of wine with the family when they return home.

"It was a big talking point in the pub last week as each race took place.

"It's a great achievement and people in the village are thrilled."

The chief executive of the Welsh Yachting Association Steven Morgan said it was astonishing that Hannah and Saskia, a relatively new sailing team, had achieved so much in a short time.

"Since the partnership was announced in March 2011 they have won medals around the world on the ISAF Grand Prix circuit. To become the World Champions and to win an Olympic medal in the same year is a fantastic achievement!"

Dr Huw Jones of Sport Wales said Hannah, who honed her skills on Llanishen resevoir, provided proof that good support at grass roots level could lead to success in major sporting events.

"Hannah's achievements are such a boost to sport in Wales, particularly female sport, and show how hard work and dedication can take you from sailing at the local club to the podium on the highest level of all.

"Hannah, along with Saskia Clark, really proved their world-class quality with such consistency during the competition.

"Coming just hours after Jade Jones scooped a historic medal in her sport, Hannah's achievements added to the feel-good factor we have all embraced."

Hannah now has to decide whether to commit herself to competing in the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016.

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The email looks genuine, but it is best to delete it and contact your bank immediately to report it.

Pisgah Ladies Fellowship

SUPPER Time – For those who enjoy a good day out there are still a few seats left for the trip to the very pretty town of Malvern on Saturday, August 24. The cost is £14 per person.

For details of this and other events, ring Rhian on 01656 744772 or Karen on 01656 740684.

Wellbeing Centre

THE activities being held by Mental Health Matters Wales, at the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill on Wednesday, August 22 include 'hate crime awareness' with PC Paul Evans from 2pm-4pm and the reading group from 3pm-4pm.

Social afternoon from 1pm-5pm.

St James' Pyle

SUMMER fayre – Thanks to everyone who took part and also supported the summer fayre, which was a great success this year, raising more than £900.

Bible Study – Everyone is welcome at Bible study, which will take place on Friday, August 25 when they will be looking at the Epistle of St James.

Whist club – If you enjoy a game of whist and would like to meet some new friends, you would be welcome at the Whist Club, which meets on Wednesday evening at 7pm in the church hall.

For information about services and other activities in the parish, ring Rev Dr Duncan Walker on 01656 740500/07766 710373, or Gareth Gardener on 07779 239302.

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An important night for Rotary!

ABOVE: District Governor Bob Lewis (on left) and Llantwit Major president John Clarke (right) are pictured with new Rotarian Dave Lane.

ON Monday, Llantwit Major Rotarians gathered for their usual Monday meeting at the West House Hotel.

Attending the meeting was the Rotary District Governor for South Wales, Rotarian Bob Lewis, from the Porthcawl Club, who was making the annual official visit.

He congratulated the club for the work that had been achieved during the year, helping local good causes and also for the continued efforts to respond quickly to international disasters wherever they may occur.

One of these is to supply Shelter Boxes which can provide shelter and food for 10 people for 10 days and which can be made available at very short notice to assist families facing disaster.

The district governor was also pleased that the Interact Club for young people had been successfully started in the local Comprehensive School and was now in its third year.

Members of that club had themselves raised money for good causes and had also joined with the Rotary Club on two occasions in collecting huge amounts of litter from public paths in the vicinity of the school.

District Governor Bob Lewis, of Porthcawl, with Paul Harris Fellow, Neville Farthing.

Bob Lewis said that the organisation was always open to interest from prospective members.

He was delighted that the Llantwit Major Club was currently at its greatest number for over 20 years.

Earlier, club president John Clarke had inducted Dave Lane, a former Mayor of the town, into membership.

The final duty of the visiting governor was to present former president Neville Farthing with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The award, the highest honour that Rotary can bestow, is named after the founder of the organisation in 1905 and is only given to Rotarians who have made a significant contribution to the success of the movement.

Neville began his time in Rotary by joining the Falmouth Club and later the Taunton Vale Club, where he was also club president.

The district governor said that he and his wife Janet have raised money for many good causes in Llantwit Major and in doing so were a credit to our organisation.

In reply, Neville Farthing said that he was overwhelmed but delighted by the honour of receiving the award which had taken him completely by surprise.

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Inner Wheel's new chairman

District Chairman Daphne, of Maesteg Inner Wheel Club.

MRS DAPHNE HARRIES of Llangynwyd Post Office and a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Maesteg, recently became chairman of the No 15 Inner Wheel district committee for 2012-2013.

Since moving to our area, Daphne has been president of the Maesteg Club on several occasions and a district coordinator for overseas service. Her husband, Talfyn, is president of the Rotary Club of Maesteg.

During the next 12 months, Daphne will officially visit all clubs in the district, which stretches from Aberystwyth in the west to Llandrindod Wells in the north and Newport in the east. She will also be invited to numerous celebrations and fundraising events.

Daphne has chosen 'Gofal' as her special charity for her year. This charity aims to care for and help people in south Wales who suffer mental health problems of all kinds.

We all wish Daphne a happy and successful year in office.

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Out and About with The GEM

'DRESS TO PROGRESS' IS THE NEW TENOVUS PLAN

CHWARAE TEG, the body which promotes the role of women in the Welsh workforce, and Welsh cancer charity, Tenovus, are launching their Dress to Progress campaign,.

This calls upon women to donate any smart office wear they no longer use, so it can be sold by Tenovus to other women eager to advance at work.

The campaign aims to help women climb the career ladder, while also supporting cancer patients and their families.

ABOVE: Newly-promoted assistant manager Stacey Rees, from Porthcawl, is looking for new clothes to help women make a professional impression.

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Rummage sale

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Open gardens

GARDENS opening for the National Gardens Scheme on August bank holiday include the following:

Ty Deri, 1 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentyrch, CF15 9NP – an award winning garden with specimen trees, water feature surrounded by seasonal herbaceous borders. Rear garden including unusual plants, raised vegetable beds, large fruit cage and greenhouse. New – beehive. Raffle available also.

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Open Monday, August 27 (10am-5pm), admission £3.

Charity disco

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun les Sword, will be hosting a charity disco in aid of his chosen charities; The Teenage Cancer Trust and Ty Hafan, on Friday, August 31, at The Savoy, Barry, at 7pm.

Fancy dress is optional. Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased from The Savoy or Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry.

For more information, telephone Julie Hurd on 01446 704921.

Chapel table top sale

A TABLE top sale comprising books, toys, videos, DVDs, electrical goods, kitchen utensils, cakes, china and bric-a-brac stalls will be held at Heol-y-Cyw Welfare Hall from 1pm-4pm, on Saturday, September 1.

Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Bethel Chapel Restoration Fund.

Chrysanths

BARRY and District Chrysanthemum Society's annual general meeting takes place on September 4 at 5pm at Salem Baptist Church Hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

Magical music

A MAGICAL music concert in aid of Barnardo's Cymru will take place at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Sunday, September 6, beginning at 7.30pm.

Music includes themes from The Dam Busters, James Bond, ET, Mack and Mabel, The Beatles, and many more. Tickets: £12 (concessions available), from the box office: 01656 815995 or fromt: www.grandpavilion.co.uk.

Paddle for life

THE Save The Children 'Paddle for Life' will take place on Saturday, October 13, with a 'build a raft and race' event at Newton Bay.

Apply to the Jolly Sailor, Newton, for more information.

THE BALMORAL IS BACK 'HOME'

THE pleasure steamer, Balmoral, has returned from Olympic duties, to take Vale residents and others on summer outings!

Since she left home waters in July, Balmoral has been sailing on the Thames and making TV regular appearances, while taking her passengers to enjoy views of Olympic sailing events in Weymouth!

There are saiings planned to Weston Super Mare, Ilfracombe, and the National Trust island of Lundy.

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TOOLS with a Mission

TOOLS With a Mission (TWAM), the charity mentioned in last week's Eisteddfod report, has asked The GEM to point out that its best contact number in the Vale is 07769 503237.

GEM photographer's Cardiff Bay exhibition

Part of Glyn Evans' photo exhibition at the Pierhead Building, in Cardiff Bay.

GEM photographer GLYN EVANS is currently staging a major exhibition in the Pierhead Building, Cardiff Bay.

Glyn told The GEM that the theme of the exhibition is 'Sport in Wales' – with the accent on capturing speed and movement.

He said: "I have tried to put the spotlight on some of the sports that miss out on the limelight. Therefore, the three 'big' sports – rugby, football and cricket – are not included."

One of the UK's most successful sports, cycling, is well represented, with shots taken at the Newport velodrome, and various motorsports are featured, as well as roller derby!

The exhibition is free, and runs daily, from 10.30am–5pm, until the end of August.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 735.

- **£2000:** 812398.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £5,000 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 423642; 780976; 122036; 169594; 620442; 282136; 866063; 462211; 215663; 256158; 772227; 356489; 372198; 131586; 740702; 242496; 151856; 205613; 265508; 293343.
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WITH us now being two-thirds of the way through the year, there has been plenty of cinematic action and adventure for film fans so far.

But what of the rest of the year? Well, here are a few of my tips for films to look out for over the next four months.

Business picks up tomorrow (August 17) with the release of *The Expendables 2*, as Stallone, Willis, Schwarzenegger and a whole host of action stars team up to bring carnage to the big screen; here's hoping it will be a more fulfilling experience than the first one.

The following week (August 24) sees Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn take on aliens in *The Watch*, while Keith Lemon makes his cinematic debut in *Keith Lemon: The Movie*, a film that may challenge Sight and Sound's recent crowning of *Vertigo* as the best film ever made.

September 7 sees the law hit the screen in *Dredd*, as the titular judge fights his way through a tower block in a plot that bears more than a passing resemblance to *The Raid*, while Tom Hardy and Shia LaBeouf are on the wrong side of the tracks in *Lawless*, a story of bootlegging brothers.

Keira Knightley's third team-up with director Joe Wright is also out on the same day and sees them adapt *Anna Karenina* for the big screen, looking all the more interesting for being staged in just one location.

The Sweeney rolls up on September 12, and Brad Pitt and Andrew Dominik's thriller *Killing Them Softly* opens on September 21.

Those looking for some high-concept action will be looking forward to Rian Johnson's *Looper*, which sees Joseph Gordon Levitt sent forward in time to kill a target, only to discover it is his future self (played by Bruce Willis).

Also released on that date is Oliver Stone's drug-smuggling drama *Savages*, as well as the latest entry in a franchise which is as fresh as the undead that occupy it, in *Resident Evil: Retribution*.

by GARETH JAMIESON

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October 4 sees Liam Neeson's man with a particular set of skills return in *Taken 2*; while October 12 sees the long-awaited adaptation of Jack Kerouac's seminal novel, *On The Road*, and Ben Afleck's CIA drama *Argo*.

Tim Burton returns to the world of stop-animation in *Frankenweenie* on October 17, while it's sequels galore on October 19 as the *Paranormal Activity* franchise churns out a fourth effort and *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted* aims to draw in the younger audiences.

October 26 sees the first James Bond outing for four years released; entitled *Skyfall*, and with Javier Bardem as the villain, Sam Mendes' first Bond film as director looks extremely promising.

Paul Thomas Anderson's eagerly anticipated follow up to *There Will Be Blood* arrives on November 9 – *The Master*, a story of a brainwashing cult and its control over its followers.

Speaking of brainwashing cults, November 16 sees the *Twilight* saga finally wrap itself up with *Breaking Dawn Part 2* – and the less said about this the better!

Bradley Cooper reteams with Robert De Niro in *Silver Lining Playbook* on November 23, while November 30 sees the first outing for literary detective *Alex Cross*, Clint Eastwood's return in front of the camera in *Trouble With The Curve*, Mike Newell's take on Great Expectations and British director Ben Wheatley's anticipated follow-up to the disturbing *Kill List* with *Sightseers*.

Those who know there orc from their troll, will no doubt be looking forward to the release of *The Hobbit* on December 14. The first of a new trilogy, subtitled *An Unexpected Journey*, it will no doubt lay waste to the box office just as the original *Lord of the Rings* trilogy did nearly a decade ago.

Ang Lee brings *Life of Pi* to the big screen on December 21, a story of a young man stranded on a boat with only animals for company, looking visually gorgeous from the footage released so far.

With Tom Cruise bringing Lee Childs' Jack Reacher to the silver screen on December 28, there is more than enough cinematic goodness to keep you going until the end of the year – so what will you see?

...And the Welsh Learner of the Year at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow is...Isaias Grandis!

On the evening of Wednesday, August 8, it was announced that Isaías Grandis was the winner of this year's 'Welsh Learner of the Year' competition at the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod – during a special ceremony at the Bear Hotel, in Cowbridge.

There were four on the shortlist this year, but the adjudicators decided that Isaías deserved the accolade.

Eisteddfod organiser, Hywel Wyn Edwards, said: "The standard this year has been very high, and it's been great to see so many people competing. It's a clear indication of the importance of this competition as part of the National Eisteddfod."

Isaías spent his youth in Córdoba, before settling with his family in Trevelin, Chubut.

He does not come from a Welsh background, but after moving to Trevelin he became interested in the 'foreign' language he heard spoken by his neighbours.

He began to learn Welsh at the Welsh School in the Andes at the age of 15, obtaining a scholarship to come to Wales in 2006.

He returned to Wales in 2009, where he attended an intensive Welsh language course at Cardiff University. He then returned to Patagonia, and worked as a Welsh language tutor at the Welsh school in the Andes, as a teacher in Ysgol y Felin, as a Welsh history teacher in the local secondary school, and as a tourism teacher at the secondary school in Corcovado.

He strives to promote the language in the community by attracting students, young and old, to the Welsh school. He hopes to increase the use of Welsh locally, and his main dream is to build a bilingual school (Welsh and Spanish) in Trevelin, similar to Ysgol yr Hendre in Trelew.

The trophy was donated by Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Welsh for Adults Centre, Cardiff University, and the financial prize of £300 was given by the Gwynfor Fund, Barry.

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HIGH NUMBERS EXPECTED FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

Vale Show set to be bigger than ever!

Vale Show chairman Robert Llewellyn and president Fiona Martin.

by NICOLA GIBSON
General Secretary, Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society

THE Vale Show takes place at Fonmon Castle Park on Wednesday, August 22, and high numbers are expected as visitors now reach 20,000 a year, with spectators and entrants coming from all over the country.

The society was originally formed in 1772 for farmers to compete in field crop classes.

It still continues, but the show has expanded and diversified over the years. It now encourages a wide audience, more than just from the local farming and equestrian communities, to make it an all-round, one-day show, but the emphasis is still very much on a traditional country show, which is paramount.

The show would not be possible without the support of the local community and invaluable help from the army of volunteers who give so much time to ensure its on-going success.

You cannot beat the friendly rivalry, camaraderie and lively atmosphere to be found around the ground, so come along and experience it first hand.

We are delighted that Mrs Fiona Martyn has agreed to be our president this year. Fiona said that the show holds a special place in her heart, and she was very "honoured and proud" to be elected, her husband, Anthony Martyn was president in 1974 . She said it is a joy to follow in his footsteps.

Mr Robert Llewellyn of Penllyn is chairman, Mr David Harris, show director, and along with their team of wonderful volunteers, the showground will be built from a green field and ready for visitors to the show.

There is so much to see and do that you will be spoilt for choice. In addition to the extensive horse and pony showing classes, there are classes for retrained racehorses and a busy show jumping ring.

In the livestock area you will find cattle and sheep of all sorts and sizes. There is wool spinning, sheep shearing, piglets, calves, falcons, and you can even experience a bee hive close up (don't worry, protective clothing is supplied).

Visit the Cooke and Arkwright food hall for some wonderful cheeses, cakes, breads and meat on sale. The craft fair only accepts entries from those who produce their own craft at home – Mrs Arnott casts her expert eye over every application, and has been running the fair for more than 40 years, building up a wonderful following at the show.

There is also an indoor shopping mall, plus more than 250 trade and general retail stands, together with numerous food and drink outlets.

For the youngsters, there is a fair ground, circus workshops, face painting and Punch and Judy shows.

This year we even have a dancing dog to entertain you all. She will be based near the Dog Show– over 600 entries of dog will be on show in all sorts of shapes and sizes – judging in this area starts at 11 am.

Entertainment to suit all ages has been thrilling audiences in the main ring for many a year. The grand parade of prize-winning animals is at 3pm, always a wonderful spectacle. This is followed by a parade of the Glamorgan Foxhounds.

Following them this year, visitors will be able to see the Devils Horsemen with their daredevil jousting performance. These horses are used in many film productions, including the famous Lloyds TSB black stallion.

There will follow a display of sheepdog trials and then vintage tractors before the open show jumping competition – with horses jumping 1.3m. To round the day off the fast and furious Hunt Scurry will take place – always a thrilling finale.

The Show also features home produce competitions and a horticultural show.

It is still not too late to compete in these – schedules can be seen at www.valeofglamorgan-show.co.uk.

Please telephone the secretaries to enter.

For all further show information, look at the website or telephone: 01446 710099.

Entrance prices are held at 2011 prices and car parking is free. The Vale Council is running buses from all around the Vale – the timetable is online.

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Dairy farming and showing cows

SOUTH WALES has the perfect climate for dairy farming. The warmth of the Gulf Stream encourages grass growth early in the spring and the regular summer rainfall – while not always welcomed by everyone – keeps the grass growing well into the autumn.

Glamorganshire, in particular, has good quality fertile soils along the coast line and on the lower lying land. Farmers have been milking cows in our county for many generations in order to provide the growing urban population with good quality fresh local milk.

In recent years numbers of farmers milking cows in Glamorgan has reduced dramatically, but there are still some excellent farms keeping the milk flowing.

A dairy farmer's working day is a very long day indeed, with morning milking often well under way by 6am and evening milking finishing by 7pm, and that's on a good day when nothing goes wrong and there is no other task such as silage making, harvesting or drilling seed to be done!

As dairy farmers, we love our cows dearly. We become very attached to them as we spend so much time working alongside them. With pedigree breeders, like ourselves at Tytanglwyst Farm, the animals we milk today are all descendants of the cows our grandfathers were milking many years ago. The rich heritage of working with the same families of cows on the same land as our parents and grandparents before us means a great deal and something we take great pride in.

The Vale of Glamorgan Show is a highlight in the calendar for all farmers in the region, and for many of us a chance to showcase the best of our livestock. Showing your cows is great fun but there is a huge amount of work required in advance of the big day.

Preparations start about three to four weeks before hand, with X-factor style auditions to see which cows will make it through to be chosen to go to the show!

My father and I will debate and finally decide which cows we think are the best on our farm and then we need to halter train them.

Halter training is like a battle of will between the farmer and the cow; the vast majority of cows like to be made a fuss of and are only too happy to be paraded around in front of the rest of the herd. However, you will always get a stubborn individual who thinks she is taking the farmer for a walk! With a modern Holstein weighing up to 750kg (three quarters of a tonne), it's not always that easy to educate the cow that she is going to be led where you wish her to go!

Lots of washing, grooming and clipping of the best behaved cows then follows and your elite group are transported to the show for final pampering early in the morning before the judging commences. A day of banter and friendly competition amongst neighbours and friends follows, with everyone ending up in the member's tent for some well-earned refreshments at the end of a great day.

The cows, of course, are also fed and watered and taken home to be milked at the end of a great day out – hopefully with some rosettes!

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The Vale Show also provides a unique opportunity to meet and socialise with customers, other businesses, local people and to be part of the Vale of community.

This year, Barefoot Studio will be giving free advise to show visitors on pilates and other ways of getting in shape, as well as show offers on Fitflops, MBTs, Healthy Back bags and women's sports kit.

Karen added: "We are really looking forward to the show and wish the organisers a successful event."

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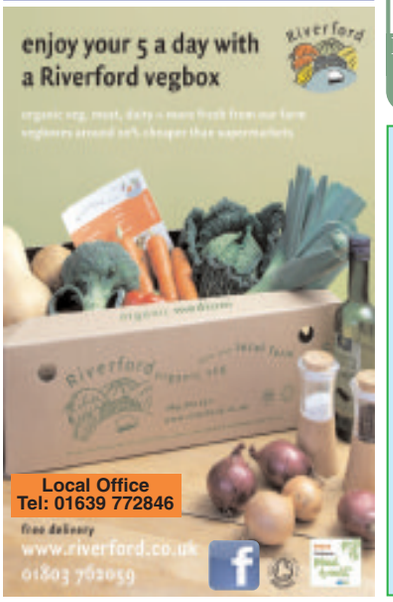

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'Show is one of the highlights of Fonmon's calendar'

ABOVE: Sir Brooke Boothby says that the Vale Show is one of the highlights of Fonmon Castle's calendar.

ABOUT a decade ago, the Fonmon Estate was approached by the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society to see if it would be possible to hold their annual show at Fonmon Castle.

I was both flattered and delighted to help, firstly because the previous showground at Cowbridge had been held on my maternal grandfather's land, and second because of the history and high reputation of the society.

Bought as a Knight's Fee early in the 12th century, the Fonmon Estate has always been at core a rural and agricultural concern. The main field where the show takes place was known as the 'Lord's Desmesne' – and still has the remnants of the medieval strip farming system, in the form of shallow ridges every five and a half yards (*that length being formerly known as a rod, a pole or a perch, four of which make up a cricket pitch).*

We also have a long history of entering competitions held by the society, holding a medal for the 'Best One Acre of Roots' from 1792.

Today, every element of the estate has to work for its living, and the castle, as well as being open to the public on certain days throughout the summer, hosts a wide variety of activities from weddings to private and corporate events, or being a film location.

This year for the very first time, under the stewardship of my daughter Aliki, who is now taking over the running of Fonmon, we will have a Fonmon stand showcasing all that we can do – please drop by and see us.

On a personal note, Aliki and I have been locked in debate as to whether we can (or should) enter classes in the horticultural or home produce areas. Aliki, being relatively new to the scene, is somewhat over confident as to the brilliance of the flowers, soft fruit and vegetables coming out of the castle walled gardens. I (being a show veteran) know that, whilst we are immensely proud of our gardens, the standards of the show are almost always too high for us!

Last year, I suffered ignominious defeat because our truly enormous pumpkins were not perfectly round!

The Vale Show is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Fonmon calendar – the opportunity to welcome crowds of new visitors, along with many long-standing friends from the local area, is a wonderful one. But it can come at a price, a combination of wet weather and up to 25,000 people can really put a strain on the field and sometimes the grass can take months to recover.

Fortunately, the showground is under the excellent management of our neighbours, Andrew and Julian Radcliffe, who always restore it to pristine condition in time for the next year's events.

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Cardiff Airport marquee has plenty to showcase

2012 has been such an eventful year that the home produce section is devoting some competitions to the celebrations.

Commencing with the Chairman's Cup, entitled 'Diamond Jubilee Tea', the flower arranging section, which is always very colourful, will be exhibiting 'Jubilee Tea' and 'The Olympics"

The children (seven and under) will also have the opportunity of designing a pasta face of the Queen; 8-11 years are going to express their talent designing an Olympic Medal; and the 12-16-year-olds have an invitation to a royal garden party.

The schools taking part in the handwriting competition this year are Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Cowbridge and Ysgol Sant Curig, Barry.

Competitions in all sections are going from strength-to-strength and we look forward to receiving your entries.

Contact Janet Lewis, the secretary, on 01443 225202, or via the Vale Show website.

British show jumping at the Vale Show

BRITISH show jumping classes at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show will be featuring six senior classes, ranging from British novice, for horses not to have won more than £100, to the open class 1.40m, open to any grade horse.

The open class has a first prize of £500, with the pot over the six classes being £3,150.

Five classes will be featured in the show jumping ring and the sixth class will be one of the attractions in the main ring ,starting at 5.15pm.

This class will be fast and furious, the fastest competitor leaving all the jumps up will receive first prize of £300.

It is very skilful, as the competitors will try to cut corners, in a bid to leave the jumps up in the fastest time.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

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The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

SCHEDULE

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 3
Wednesday 22nd August 2012	**1/Vale of Glamorgan Showground Main Access at Fonmon Castle grounds.** No right turn from the main field access/exit at grid 303747 167876 onto the B4265, this will allow only the left turn movement of vehicles from the access / exit onto the B4265. **Diversion** The diversion for West bound vehicles will be in a generally easterly direction along the B4265 to the roundabout at Penmark, then "U Turning" at this roundabout and travelling back along the B4265	6.00 am to 8.00 pm
	2/Fonmon Road, Fonmon. North bound carriageway closed to all traffic from Fonmon crossroads at grid 304806 167180 to its junction at grid 305056 167844 Nurston Road **Diversion** Northbound traffic will be diverted west along Port Road to the Blue Anchor, north through Burton Terrace and Burton Bridge, then in an easterly direction along the B4265.	6.00 am to 2.00 pm

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WOOL AT THE VALE SHOW

LOCAL shepherd and flock manager, Ceri Davies, will be wowing crowds again at the Vale of Glamorgan Show – as he demonstrates the skill of sheep shearing.

Ceri, who runs a progressive commercial flock of more than 500 sheep in the Vale, has finely honed his skills worldwide shearing in Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland, as well as competing in UK competitions, so the sheep will be in very safe and experienced hands.

He will be joined by members of the Tawe Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers as they will showcase the next step in the wool process and spin wool straight from the sheep.

During last year's demonstrations the ladies managed to spin and knit a pair of socks for the 2011 show president, Jeff James. So we can only guess what they will be planning for this year!

Guild secretary Ann Fox said: "We are delighted to be returning to the Vale Show. Last year we were overwhelmed by the genuine interest of people both in the sheep shearing and the spinning.

"Many people came along and had a go, so, this year we are hoping to introduce a new element of wool-working for visitors of all ages to see and try their hand at.

"British wool is a sustainable and versatile product that is synonymous with Welsh life and Welsh culture – so it is important that we celebrate it with style.

"There has been a resurgence of interest in weaving and spinning and we are looking forward to not only showing people the skills, but also getting them to maybe have a go themselves".

Show secretary, Mrs Nicola Gibson, concluded: "The shearing and wood demonstrations proved very popular with the public and we are delighted that Ceri and the guild are able to join us again this year.

"Sheep are an important part of the social and economic life of the Vale, but for many visitors to the show this may be the only time they get to see them at such close quarters."

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Lexie the dancing dog

THIS year at the Vale of Glamorgan Show, there will be the opportunity to meet Lexie, your local dancing dog.

A 10-year-old lady, she has danced since puppyhood, entertaining at hospitals, special schools, therapy visits and children's groups. She has competed in a number of talent shows and is the first of her breed, a keeshond, to achieve a dance diploma, with distinction and all for a few sausages!

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Dogs come from far and wide to compete at show

IT IS the time of year when all thoughts again turn to attending the Vale Show, where the dog section has many loyal exhibitors who enter year on year despite the downturn in the economy.

This year, of course, the inclement spring and early summer weather has affected shows as well.

Throughout dog showing, the entries have dropped considerably, but we at the Vale are confident that the excellent facilities at Fonmon will continue to attract both the seasoned exhibitor and also the novice.

Many people have shown an interest in their first foray into the world of dog showing, and we will do our best to make this an enjoyable experience and provide any help and assistance they may need.

Hopefully the weather will be fine on the day, but excellent wet weather accommodation is available if needed.

Entries so far have arrived from as far afield as Cornwall, Yorkshire and all along the M4 corridor.

This year, we even have a judge from Japan officiating for the Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

All of our judges are at the top of their careers and find it a privilege to be asked to judge at this prestigious event.

Once again, the show has been selected by the Kennel Club to hold one of the flagship events, namely, a qualifying heat for the Kennel Gazette Junior Warrant Competition.

Five dogs and a reserve will selected and subsequently invited to the semi-finals at Discover Dogs, Earls Court, London in November 2012, with the final being held at Crufts in 2013.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new exhibitors. A warm welcome is extended to all, so please come, bring the family and have an enjoyable day out.

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Dog Show Secretary

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'Good teamwork produces gold!' SAYS SHOW DIRECTOR

WE have recently enjoyed the spectacle of Team GB and, in particular, the success of the British Cycling Team at the Olympics, and looking at their success enables you to realise why the Vale of Glamorgan Show enjoys the success that it does.

The common factor, of course, is teamwork, and this is always totally evident in the weeks leading up to the show itself.

Under the guidance of Mrs Nicola Gibson, and our chairman, Mr Robert Llewellyn, a large team of volunteer helpers work tirelessly to make the event the smoothly-run success that it is.

The team comprises not only the 30-strong committee, but also directors, stewards, members of the local ATC, Scouts, Red Cross and local doctors and veterinary surgeons, together with a myriad of friends and family of those involved.

Everyone in the team knows exactly what their role is and how best to get the job done, with customer satisfaction always being top priority. All those involved approach their tasks with the same attitude.

It is heartening to note that whilst many of the team only meet once a year, in many instances they now bring children and grandchildren to assist in their roles, which guarantees the future success of the show for generations to come.

While we can never guarantee the weather, I can guarantee that the effort and enthusiasm shown by all who make this a fantastic show will earn themselves a gold medal each and every year.

DAVID HARRIS
Show Director

Petherton's new vet!

Rhian of Petherton Vets with Flossie and Flynn, her two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

Crafts for all

THE ever-popular craft fair will be held again this year at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 22 at Fonmon.

Most of the regular stand holders will be in attendance once more and also some new crafters will be with us.

The standard and quality of their work is incomparable, and it is always a great pleasure to buy that little gift in the very pleasant atmosphere of this very busy marquee. There will be some lovely turned-woodwork on display; along with a good mixture of jewellery, hand knitted garments, nursery items, cushions made from recycled Welsh woollen blankets, ceramics, handbags of various descriptions, jigsaw puzzles, pewter work, love spoons, slate items and much more, including art work, specialties being animal portraits.

The marquee will be open to the public from 9.30am-6pm.

ANNE ARNOTT
Secretary/organiser

Outreach team at the show

THE National Assembly for Wales' outreach team will be at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show on August 22, providing a number of activities aimed at getting more people involved in the law-making process in Wales.

The Assembly's outreach bus will be at the showground in Fonmon Castle, offering a wealth of interesting activities to adults and children of all ages.

One of the highlights will be a 'Members' Wall' – where visitors will be able to search for their Assembly member on a large map of Wales, and leave a message on an issue of their choice.

It could be a local issue or a suggestion for a new Welsh law. The information will then be fed back to the member in question.

"*Our outreach team will be providing a range of innovative and interesting activities at the Vale of Glamorgan Show aimed at hearing the views of the public on the work of the National Assembly,*" said the Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales, Rosemary Butler AM.

"*We want people from all over the country to tell us what matters to them, so that Assembly members and I can use these enhanced law-making powers to create legislation that reflects the wishes of everyone in Wales.*"

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Horticultural show aims to beat weather!

EVERY year, one hopes that the exhibitors have beaten the weather and will produce another fine display.

This year, the weather has been so dreadful that even the growing plants are finding it difficult to overcome conditions. However, gardeners are a hardy lot, and can often succeed against all odds.

We hope that this year, despite weather conditions, exhibits at the show will exceed expectations in both quality and quantity.

The society would like to thank outgoing chairman, Mr Terry Griffin for his tremendous work for more than 40 years, in building up the horticultural show. He is expertly assisted by Maureen, his wife, who is secretary of the horticultural section. Happily Terry remains on the committee.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Tom Mitchell as the new chairman, and wish him every success in his new role.

If you would like to compete in any of the numerous horticultural classes, please telephone Mrs Griffin on 01446 711282. There are classes for amateur and professional gardeners, as well as children.

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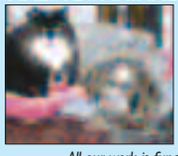
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The Devil's Horsemen bring spectacle to the main ring

A medieval joust will thrill the Vale Show.

THE famous stunt artists from the Devil's Horsemen will be entertaining spectators with jousting in the main ring at 4pm on show day.

They will wear authentic period costume to perform spectacular stunts with some of the world's most famous horses, including the Lloyds TSB black stallion.

Their outstanding displays of horsemanship have appeared in such movie hits as *War Horse*, *Iron Clad*, *Robin Hood* and will be used in the forthcoming *Les Miserables* with Russell Crowe and Hugh Jackman. It really promises to be a sight and spectacle not to be missed.

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Meet the (rugby) stars at Vale of Glamorgan Show!

SOME of Wales' rugby heroes will be at the Vale of Glamorgan Show next week, to meet fans and sign autographs.

WRU kicking guru Neil Jenkins, fellow ex-Welsh international Dafydd Jones and current internationals Ken Owens and Adam Jones will be at the Oil 4 Wales stand during the show on August 22.

A range of Adam Jones' testimonial year merchandise will also be available to purchase at the stand. There will be a lifesize cut-out of Oil 4 Wales' brand ambassador, Shane Williams, on the stand as well as the chance to take photos.

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YOUNG CAST SHINE IN MEL BROOKS' BAD TASTE MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

REVIEW by PHILIP IRWIN

THE recent production of *The Producers*, staged by the Performance House seniors at the Sony Theatre in Bridgend College, proved to be a prime example of just how much talent there is in the borough.

The cast were aged between 15 and 24, and are all past and present members of their school drama groups, and many have their roots in the Bridgend Youth Theatre as well.

However, they have the desire to do as many shows as possible, and also the energy to produce a performance that makes the most of Mel Brooks' over-the-top, bad taste tale of two producers who plan to get rich by putting on a Broadway flop – and then disappearing with the cash raised to finance it.

The role of the flamboyant Max Bialystock was taken by Joe Wiltshire-Smith, and Joe's list of lead credits is now getting too long to repeat.

Let's just say that if you can do justice to Jean Valjean in *Les Mis*, and Max Bialystock in *The Producers*, you have established a pretty wide range.

Corey Bridgeman played Leo Bloom with the wide-eyed innocence that he excels at, while Natasja Bryant, as the sexy Swedish secretary Ulla, was in her element.

The Producers doesn't go in for subtle characterisation, so it gives performers a chance to be as extravagant as they like.

It means that Kieran Bluck, as Franz, the neo-Nazi writer of the 'doomed' show, has a chance to show his flair for broad comedy.

Kieran normally works behind the scenes, but he really makes a mark when he steps out into the spotlight.

With its swastikas, bad taste humour and jokes about sex, it is hard to see any school putting on *The Producers* – there are bound to be parents who would complain.

There are some larger than life gay characters too, both played by students at Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

Richard Evans plays the cross dressing director, Roger de Bris. His credits are mainly musical, as a member of the Four Counties and Bridgend Youth Orchestras, but he really got stuck into the over-the-top acting role.

Actually, if Richard was over the top, what can you say about Sam Pryce as Carmen Ghia?

Sam definitely has a real flair for comedy, and when it came to camping it up, if Richard was nine out of ten, them Sam was around 23!

The Producers doesn't have great songs, but it does have dance routines and jokes – which just keep on coming.

The cast should be congratulated for putting on a show that brimmed with energy and which had the audience laughing throughout.

Director Xenia Yardley and producer Nicky Taliesin, and all the back stage crew and musicians, can take pride in a production that highlighted how much talent is out there in Bridgend county borough.

ABOVE: Natasja Bryant.

ABOVE (left to right): Sam Pryce, Joe Wiltshire-Smith and Corey Bridgeman. Photos taken in rehearsal by MANDY THOMAS. (mandythomasphotography.co.uk)

ABOVE: Kieran Bluck

First Minister honoured by the Gorsedd

FIRST Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, was honoured by the Gorsedd of the Bards at the National Eisteddfod last week.

During a ceremony at the festival, he was honoured alongside Shane Williams and John Hartson.

Those entering the Gorsedd as an honorary druid wore blue for succeeding in the fields of law, science, sports, journalism, media, and local or national activities.

The First Minister said: "This has been a truly special day for me and my family. It is a great honour to be called to the Gorsedd, and be recognised alongside individuals who have achieved so much in their respective fields."

He also praised this year's Eisteddfod:

"The Vale of Glamorgan has welcomed the National Eisteddfod with open arms and I want to thank all those involved who have made it a reality.

"This festival is an important event for Wales, as a crucial celebration of our culture and language."

Three vases stolen from a local grave

POLICE are appealing for information, after three vases were stolen from a grave in the cemetery of St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major.

A police spokeswoman said: "The vases, which are worth approximately £50 in value, were taken from the grave sometime between 6pm on Friday, July 27, and 11am on Sunday, July 29.

"Officers wish to speak to anyone who may have noticed any suspicious behaviour in the area between these times."

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Colin Malone on 01656 869447

Fairtrade required for the local dairy farmers

IN our civilised Western society, the principle and practice of purchasing Fairtrade goods, commonly coffee, cocoa and bananas from developing countries, is nothing new.

The principle is that under Fairtrade, the producer is guaranteed a price that will cover costs of production and allow for living expenses and reinvestment into a business.

How sad it is that in the UK, the recent NFU coalition-led support for the UK dairy industry is pleading with milk processors and supermarkets to apply Fairtrade in the price that they pay farmers for milk.

The recent announcements in early July by the majority of the major supermarkets and processors that they were going to reduce the price paid to farmers by a further 2p per litre was the final straw for many family dairy farms.

ABOVE: The judging of the dairy classes at the 2011 show.

This meant that for many, the August 1 price paid to farmers of less than 14p per pint is way below the costs of production. Not the best way to run an essential food production business, when you get less for the product than it costs you to produce.

Since the UK Dairy Summit meeting in Westminster on July 11, some suppliers and supermarkets have indicated that they will reverse the price drop. Pressure is still needed from all consumers, pressure groups and politicians to ensure that the dairy industry in the UK is protected in a fair an appropriate manner.

The NFU calls for a contractual code of best practice, ensuring that milk purchase contracts are fair and equitable to both buyer and seller.

The remains of dairy farming in the Vale are now centred around some 18 herds, with some of the producers facing uncertain futures.

If you value the milk that we pour on our cereal each morning, and wish to show your support for dairy farmers, then join the SOS Dairy Campaign via Facebook or Twitter, challenge the general manager of your local supermarket the next time you see a heavily discounted promotion on milk, or half price cheese.

Finally, what better way of showing your real support for the Vale dairy industry than attending the Vale of Glamorgan Show next Wednesday, August 22, visiting the cattle section to see all the wonderful dairy animals being exhibited, and taking the opportunity to talk milk and dairy farming with the farmers themselves?

DAVID HARRIS,
Kelly & Harris Agency,
NFU Mutual

New hospice support group raises £6,000

A recently-formed Marie Curie charity fundraising group meets each month in a side room at the King William pub in Barry.

It came together under a year ago in November 2011 and, during that short space of time, has raised more than £6,000 for the charity.

While the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth is currently undergoing a refurbishment, its work continues at a specially adapted ward in Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff. The Barry group will have a tent at the Tall Ships Festival on September 1-2 and a quiz night at the King William public house is being planned for September 28.

Chairman Peter Griffiths will be running in the Cardiff Half Marathon on October 14 and sponsors are welcome for this event. See contact details below.

The group is eager to recruit new members. Contact Peter Griffiths (chairman) 07752670480 Email scarlets15@btinternet.com

Race for Life raises £1,000

RECENTLY, 22 members of staff from Gladstone Primary completed the Race for Life in Cardiff, in memory of a very special parent who recently lost her battle with cancer – Torleen Ring.

They had set a fundraising target of £500 but have already raised more than £1,000 and the total is still rising.

"We would like to thank our Gladstone friends and families who have dug deep into their pockets to support this fight against cancer," said headteacher Caroline Newman.

You can sponsor the 'Gladstone Girls' at www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/GladstoneGirls.

Smoke-free cars campaign comes to town

FRESH START WALES, the Welsh Government's campaign to reduce children's exposure to second-hand smoke in the car, is going on tour this summer and will be hosting its own event on the seafront at Barry Island on Saturday, August 18.

At the event, the Fresh Start Wales mascot Patch the Dragon will be meeting children, while parents can find out more about smoking in cars and even test their CO levels and lung capacity at the Fresh Start Wales gazebo.

While children can have their picture taken with Patch, Fresh Start Wales will be encouraging families to sign up to the 'Summer Promise' – a pledge for parents to keep their cars smoke-free, starting with any day trips or holidays they take with their families this summer.

Trek the Inca Trail for Marie Curie

CAROLYN HUNTER, a music teacher from Cardiff was so impressed with the care her husband Tim received at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, that she decided to take on the challenge of trekking the Grand Canyon to raise vital funds for the Hospice.

She said: "My husband Tim had to go into the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth initially just for a couple of weeks to sort out his medication, but at the time we didn't realise that his condition had worsened considerably, and he was only there for five days, before he passed away.

"Thanks to the Marie Curie nurses, he was pain-free and comfortable at the end and had his own room with beautiful views of the Severn Estuary, where I was going to be staying with him.

"After Tim died, I felt very close to the nurses who had treated him and had been there for him at such a difficult time in his life, so when the chance came along to trek across the Grand Canyon, to raise funds for the hospice and give something back, it felt like exactly the right thing to do.

"Tim had even joked when we first arrived at the hospice, after we spied a leaflet advertising a previous trek to the Great Wall of China, that he could imagine me doing something like that in the future."

Carolyn will join 15 local people this October to trek the Grand Canyon to raise money for the hospice. If you're not able to join this year's trek then why not sign up for the next big adventure, taking place in May 2014?

You could have the chance to travel to Peru and trek the Inca Trail with Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Spread over 10 days, the Marie Curie Inca Trail challenge includes six days of trekking, taking in the sights of the former Royal Inca Highway as you near the heart of the Peruvian jungle.

For more information on this trek, call 029 20426068, or register online at: www.mariecurie.org.uk.

The Eisteddfod's 'welcome for all' is more than words

THE National Eisteddfod's visit to the Vale for the first time in 44 years enjoyed blazing sunshine and huge crowds towards the end of the week.

On Friday and Saturday, the wet conditions and mud of earlier days were forgotten, and thousands of people basked in the warm weather, enjoying the live performances of the choirs, browsing the innumerable stalls housing businesses, organisations and charities which operate through Wales.

The National Eisteddfod constantly emphasizes that it wants to encourage English speaking people to experience the cultural event, and the perception of people the GEM spoke to was that it had passed that awkward hurdle – a festival that prides itself on its love for the Welsh language while still welcoming those with little knowledge of it.

John Rees and his wife Sian, both English speakers, decided at the last minute to make a trip up the M4 from Swansea.

John explained: "*We saw that the weather was good and because the Eisteddfod isn't that close that often, decided to come up.*

"Although, we don't speak Welsh, it doesn't stop us enjoying the entertainment and choirs, and there are lots of stalls to browse around."

John said that although there was a suggestion that more money might be found for the National Eisteddfod if it broadened its appeal, he wouldn't like to see a dilution in its present content. *"It is about Welsh culture – that's what people want to see."*

His wife Sian said the outing had been a success. "*We've enjoyed the day. The stewards were helpful and one directed us in English when he realised we didn't speak Welsh.*"

Julian Rosser, an English speaking Welshman, who lives locally said: *"I'm here working on the Oxfam stand and I've found everybody very friendly. Sunday was wet and horrible, but it's great now the sunshine has arrived.*"

And what is the most appealing part of the festival for him? "*I'm looking forward to listening to the choir competition.*"

Julian's English friend, Tamsin Wallbank, has lived in Cardiff for a decade, and said that making that little effort to use her limited Welsh phrases was appreciated.

She explained: "*Knowing a few words helps. 'Please' and 'thank you' do go a long way. Although I don't speak Welsh, I have understood the odd word here and there as I've gone round.*"

Alun Francis, who was also visiting from Cardiff, said it was the first time he'd visited the Eisteddod and was interested in learning Welsh.

"*I visited a marquee which gave a lot of information about courses people can take.*

"*An evening course would suit me best. I was interested to see there are Apps being produced which give instant translations which might encourage learners like me.*"

One person did make the point that signs in English as well as Welsh would be appreciated.

On Friday, the First Minister Carwyn Jones was honoured for services to the Welsh nation when he entered the Gorsedd of the Bards as an honorary druid, alongside former Welsh footballer John Hartson and opera singer Wynne Evans.

The National Eisteddfod had the tricky challenge of having to compete with the final week of the Olympics this year, and if it returns to the Vale in another 44 years, organisers will hope lightning doesn't strike twice with Britain getting the Olympics again!

TIM CHAPMAN

Members of the stable staff.

Vale racehorse trainer holds day for prospective owners

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

VISITORS descended on the Pant Wilkin Stables, Aberthin, recently when trainer Tim Vaughan held an 'owners' day'.

Almost 100 horses are now in training at the stables, and most were paraded before the visting afficionados.

Seven racehorses were for sale, while shares were available in another 13.

The event only goes to show what a significant local employer the operation now is.

In fact, the official Tim Vaughan Racing booklet lists 25 staff, eight support staff, and nine jockeys!

ABOVE: Tim Vaughan passes on a few tips.

Preparing for a session on the gallops.

ABOVE: There was a 'bucking bison' machine for the brave ones!

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00801/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing front facing two storey projection, single storey side and rear extensions, and detached garage. Construction of single and two storey extension with integral garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Lower Farmhouse, Llysworney
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Llysworney

Conservation Area Consent/ Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00694/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig: New opening formed in existing boundary wall (approx.4m) to create new vehicular and pedestrian access from public highway.
Location:/Lleoliad: 10, Park Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00812/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Retrospective application for the installation of 3 elements of roof mounted kitchen supply & extract ductwork
Location:/Lleoliad: The Market Place Restaurant, 66, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00842/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alterations and new second floor observatory extension to pavilion to include new roofs, new internal layout, building access improvements with new side entrances, lowering ground floor, new first floor gallery and new lift
Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00811/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Retrospective application for the installation of 3 elements of roof mounted kitchen supply & extract ductwork
Location:/Lleoliad: The Market Place Restaurant, 66, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting The Market Place Restaurant, Grade II

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00823/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed resubmission of previously approved 11/00489/FUL of a 4 bed detached dwelling with detached double garage to side due to minor amendments to the elevations and materials used
Location:/Lleoliad: Castle Lodge, St. Georges Super Ely

Departure from Development Plan / Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2012/00841/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes
Location:/Lleoliad: Land off Old Port Road, Wenvoe

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk**
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Dated / Dyddiedig: 16 August, 2012
M. Goldsworthy, Operational Manager Development & Building Control, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD LEAVES THE VALE WITH A HOST OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES

THE Vale's 44-year long wait for Wales' most prestigious cultural festival to arrive on its doorstep came to an end when it officially opened on August 4.

For the huge numbers of people that attended the National Eisteddfod last week, there are thousands of great memories across a whole spectrum of performance and the arts.

Images by GLYN EVANS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 22 August 2012

homes4u HOTLINE 01446 709840

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Newydd Housing Association is proud to announce the availability of three bedroom-houses to rent. Properties will be let through a Local Lettings Policy agreed between Newydd Housing Association and the Llanfair Community Council.

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Vale of Glamorgan Council
Legal, Public Protection and Housing Department
Civic Offices Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or
Newydd Housing Association
121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

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- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

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HAFREN ROAD, BARRY

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- Double glazing
- Gardens

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- Three-bedroom house
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- Double-glazing
- Gardens

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- Double-glazing
- Gardens

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- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £95.08 per week including water charges

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- Upstairs
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Communal gardens

Rent £85.16 per week inc. water and service charge

FEEDBACK

Address	Bids	Band	Reg.
Caerphilly Close	Withdrawn		
Fairoaks	13	Silver	04/07/11
North Walk	21	Gold	24/05/12
Plassey House	6	Gold	16/04/12
Seys Court	30	Gold	19/03/12

Important information for existing and new council tenants

From April 2013 Housing Benefit Rules are changing for 'working age' tenants who live in Council and Housing Association properties. If you are of pension age this change will not affect you.

Deductions will be made from Housing Benefit claim where a claimant is living in a property that is classed as too large for them. There will be a 14% deduction for one extra bedroom and a 25% deduction for two or more bedrooms.

To calculate room needs for a client, **one bedroom** is allowed for each of the following:

- every adult couple;
- any other adult aged over 16;
- any two children of the same sex up to age 16;
- any two children regardless of sex aged under 10; or
- any other child.

Foster children are not included in the calculation.

More homes listed on this week's additional advert

Examples

A single person (of working age) living in a two-bedroom property

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A couple (of working age) living in a three-bedroom property

The assessment of room need would be **one bedroom**, so a 25% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply.

A single parent or couple with a son aged 8 and a daughter aged 6, living in a three-bedroom property

The assessment of room need would be **two bedrooms**, so there would be a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit

A single parent or couple with two daughters, aged 12 and 6, and a son aged 4, living in a three-bedroom property

The assessment of room need would be **three bedrooms**, so no deduction would apply.

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Well presented four bedroom detached property situated on popular development in the east end of Barry • Lounge • dining room • modern fitted kitchen • downstairs wc, ensuite and family bathroom • upvc DG • gas CH • enclosed rear garden • driveway providing off road parking.

Southey Street, Barry - £124,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry with far reaching views • Lounge • fitted kitchen/dining room • first floor bathroom • gas CH • upvc DG • Enclosed tiered rear garden • off road parking for 4 vehicles • close proximity Holton Road shopping area.

St Andrews Road, Barry - £105,000
Two bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry • hallway • lounge • kitchen/diner • shower room to first floor • upvc DG • gas CH • gardens to front and rear • driveway providing off road parking for 2 vehicles • no chain • ideal starter home.

Woodham Park, Barry - £109,950
Two bedroom end of link property set on a popular development, situated off Colcot Road • Lounge/diner • kitchen with built in oven/inset hob • sun lounge/lean to • modern first floor bathroom • enclosed rear garden • double gates providing off road parking.

Dunraven Street, Barry - £122,000
Three bedroom end of terrace • West End of Barry• lounge/dining room • fitted kitchen • ground floor bathroom • gas CH • upvc DG • enclosed rear garden • Walking distance of Park Crescent shops • Close proximity to Romilly and Porthkerry Country Parks • no chain

Crossways Street, Barry - £129,950
Three bedroom semi detached situated in the heart of Barry • porch • hallway • lounge • dining room • kitchen • outhouses enclosing w/c, storage and utility area • family bathroom • enclosed front and rear gardens • off road parking • close to local amenities • no chain.

St Osyth Court, Barry - £139,995
Two double bedroom detached true bungalow • West End of Barry • Private patio area • allocated parking • entrance hallway • lounge • fitted kitchen • bedroom with separate wc • two double bedrooms • gas CH • well maintained communal gardens • no chain.

Teifi Drive, North Barry - £139,995
Two bedroom semi detached • on Cwm Talwg development in West End of Barry • Hallway • lounge • kitchen/breakfast room • two bedrooms • modern white bathroom suite • upvc DG • gas CH via combi boiler • driveway with off road parking • generous rear garden.

Wye Close, Cwm Talwg, Barry - £149,950
Two bedroom semi detached bungalow • situated in cul de sac location • West End of Barry • Lounge/Diner • Fitted kitchen • modern white bathroom • upvc DG • gas CH • gardens to front and rear • Driveway for two vehicles.

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Gilbert Lane, Barry - £199,950
Four bedroom detached, situated in cul de sac on Pencoedtre Village development • lounge through dining room • kitchen/breakfast room • utility room and downstairs wc • bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom • upvc DG • gas CH • enclosed rear garden • driveway • garage.

Clos y Wylan, Nells Point, Barry Island - £199,950
Three bedroom semi detached • lounge • kitchen.breakfast room • conservatory • downstairs wc, family bathroom and 2 ensuite shower rooms • gas CH • upvc DG • enclosed rear garden • garage, driveway and parking bay.

Millwood Rise, Barry - £209,950
Semi detached property, large corner plot, West End of Barry • lounge through dining room • fitted kitchen • conservatory • three double bedrooms • downstairs wc and family bathroom • upvc DG • gas CH • gardens to front, side and rear • driveway and garage.

Trem Mapgoll, Barry - £209,950
Four bedroom detached property • cul de sac location on Pencoedtre Village development • hallway • lounge • dining room • kitchen/breakfast room • utility room • downstairs wc • family bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom • upvc DG • gas CH • enclosed rear garden • driveway •parking for two vehicles • no chain

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WILLIAMS
Eric

Peacefully on August 12, at home with his family, Eric, much loved husband of Margaret, loving father of Carolyn, grandfather of Noni, much loved great grandfather, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium, on Friday August 24, 1.15pm.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu may be sent to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Velindre Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

BURDGE
Doreen

Peacefully on 11th August at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Doreen aged 87, of Llantwit Major (formerly of Barry)

Much loved mother of Allan, Robert, John, Ann and Pam. Beloved grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral Service on Monday 20th August 2012 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Barry at 1.30pm.

No flowers by request but donations may be made to Ward 5 Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend. All enquiries to W.A.Brown & Son 01446 792489.

DAVIES
Gwenllian (Gwen)

of Cowbridge and Llanelli.
Widow of Group Captain Ifor Davies.
Passed away peacefully on Thursday, 9th August.

Remembered with love by Berwyn, Gareth, Huw, Sarah, Susan, Rachel and many friends and relatives.

Funeral to be held at 11.45 on Friday, 17th August at Cowbridge United Free Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.

Enquiries to Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors, Tel 01446 775681.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Arthritis Research UK c/o Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

A celebration of Kew's life

Kew passed away peacefully on 3rd August 2012 at 11:20 pm

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Service 11am Tuesday, 21st August at The Funeral Home of William James & Sons, Fonmon, followed by burial at Barry cemetery and Reception at Brynhill Golf Club (for directions to Service, please contact funeral directors on 01446 710096).

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Owzat! Chris not stumped for something to do in the hols!

A PUPIL from St Clare's School, Porthcawl, who plays cricket for Wales, has been putting his summer holidays to good use.

Chris Matthews (12), a Welsh international of three years, is encouraging children to have at least one hour of activity per day before going back to school, and is leading by example.

Since first picking up a cricket bat at the age of six, it was clear that Chris had a natural talent when he went straight into local club Tondu's under-10 side.

Since then he has taken every opportunity to hone his skills, and now trains or plays with three cricket clubs every week of the summer holidays: Wales under-12; Mid Glamorgan under-12 and Tondu under-12, under-14, under-16 and the Seniors Seconds – where the oldest player is 61!

The wicket keeper and batsman will next month be beginning his second year at St Clare's senior school in Porthcawl after having already been in the junior school for four years.

St Clare's is an independent day school for children aged between two and 18 years of age, and part of the largest group of independent schools in the UK, Cognita Schools.

LEFT: Young international Chris Matthews.

Chris, whose highlights of 2012 so far include top scores of 94 not out for Mid Glamorgan and 55 not out for Wales, said: "For me, sport is a really important part of being at St Clare's, and when it comes to the holidays it's no different. With the summer of sport on TV it can be tempting for children to spend hours on the sofa, but even doing a little activity every day will help keep you healthy and make it less of a shock when term starts in September."

This month he is representing Wales in the under-12 cricket tournament at Taunton Cricket Festival at King's College, Taunton, Somerset. In 2011, Chris' Welsh squad came second overall in the prestigious festival, where teams from the UK and abroad battle it out for the shield during the five days of competition.

In addition to playing cricket, Chris plays football at St Clare's, rugby for Bridgend Athletic Under 13 and fits in fishing with Ogmore Angling Club when he can.

Chris' dad, Tony, who coaches Tondu under-12 and under-14 teams, said: "Chris has worked very hard to get where he is now in cricket. His success is a combination between personal hard graft and the support he receives from the family and coaches, not to mention the sports master at St Clare's, Steve Martin, who encourages all students to get active whatever their level."

John Aguilar, head of St Clare's School, said: "The pupils and staff at St Clare's are extremely proud of Chris' achievements in cricket, and how he is using his position to inspire others to get active this summer. We hope other local children take his lead and exercise a little each day, just as we encourage our own pupils to do. We look forward to catching up with him in September."

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FIAT RETAINS ITS ICONIC HERITAGE

by TIM SAUNDERS

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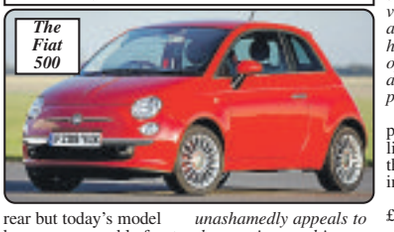
Like its siblings, the modern day Fiat 500 is an iconic little number that harks back to its ancestor, which went out of service in 1975. Launched in 2008 the second generation model pleasingly stays true to the original and there is an inviting 'retro feel' throughout as you can see by watching the video at *testdrives.biz*.

The speedometer is very similar as are the door handles. There is a successful marriage of classic design with modern technology that includes air conditioning, electric windows and wing mirrors together with a useful engine start/stop function.

Sometimes traffic queues can be an irritatingly long crawl and cars fitted with start/stop end up using more fuel, in my experience, and so it is helpful to be able to turn this function off, if required.

The original Fiat 500 was fitted with a tiddly little 479cc engine in the rear but today's model has a more capable front mounted 1.2-litre returning 55mpg. The 35 litre fuel tank does mean more refuelling over long journeys.



The Fiat 500

Without a doubt a city car, its diminutive size makes it simple to park in tight spaces and the five-speed gearbox is precise and enjoyable to use. On longer motorway journeys it does suffer from buffeting in strong winds and prefers the straight to hills, struggling in parts and requiring at least one gear change if not two.

Overall though, it's an enjoyable driver's car with supportive and comfy chequered seats, which give a sporty feel. A stitched cream leather steering wheel and leather topped gearstick compliment the exterior finish of the test car. The panoramic glass roof with sunblind is a nice feature.

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Murch pupils impress in road safety quiz final

ABOVE: Murch Junior School pupils Jamie Locke-Jones, Katie Jackson, Kate Brown and Hannah Lewis are presented with their runner-up trophies by Nicola Brimble, Road Safety Officer, South Wales Police, and Inspector Jason Stroud, from the Roads Policing Unit.

A TEAM of pupils from Murch Junior School in Dinas Powys, went head to head with other youngsters to compete in the South Wales Road Safety Quiz Final 2012 at the Police HQ in Bridgend.

The knowledgeable foursome from Murch Junior School, Jamie Locke-Jones, Katie Jackson, Kate Brown and Hannah Lewis, triumphed in the county final and were named Vale champions, winning the chance to go on and represent the area in the south Wales final.

The brainy bunch from Dinas Powys didn't disappoint, answering eight rounds of questions covering a broad range of road safety topics including road signs, cycle safety, pedestrian awareness and observation, and questions testing their knowledge of the Highway Code.

The scores were neck-and-neck throughout the eight quick-fire rounds, with the final results being to a hushed audience of pupils, teachers, road safety officers and police.

The Vale team missed out on first place by the narrowest of margins – just one point – losing to Rhondda Cynon-Taff who were named the winners with 78 followed by the Vale team from Murch Junior School, who racked up an impressive score of 77 points.

Third place went to Bridgend, followed by Swansea in fourth, and fifth place went to the team from Neath-Port Talbot.

The team was congratulated by Mr Derek Thomas, head teacher of Murch Junior School and John Rogers, road safety officer at the Vale Council and quiz organiser who paid tribute to the Murch team:

'They did so well and were so unlucky to be pipped at the post by one point!

"Their performance and attitude was a credit to the pupils, their teachers and their school – I for one was very proud of them.'

Penblwydd Hapus i VCVS!

Cutting the VCVS celebration cake.

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt wished VCVS (Vale Centre for Voluntary Services) a very happy 15th birthday at an event held at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow last week.

VCVS chief Rachel Connor opened the event, recording the extensive work undertaken by VCVS to support the voluntary sector in the Vale over the past 15 years.

Christian Bullen came along with his team of 'Superstars' who sang to passers-by as well as those who joined the celebrations.

Marie Curie 'thank you' to swimmers

MARIE CURIE Cancer Care is thanking the swimmers who took to their local pool earlier this year, to raise funds during Swimathon Weekend 2012.

Swimmers from across south Wales helped toraise a fantastic £8,343 nationwide.

Karen Jones, fundraising manager at Marie Curie Penarth, said:

"We are delighted that so many people took part this year and thrilled with how much money has been raised for Marie Curie nurses, who provide free nursing care to terminally ill people in their own homes."

Duncan Goodhew MBE, Olympic gold medallist and Swimathon president, commrnted:

"Each year, dedicated swimmers of all ages and abilities put in hours of training to raise money for a cause close to their hearts, and this year's event was no exception."

Noisy, but who listens?

I SYMPATHISE with your correspondent who complained about the noise on the Waterfront recently, but I fear it is a lost cause; we've endured piped music everywhere for decades now.

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PYLE AND KENFIG GOLD CLUB NEWS

'Great numbers' turn out on Captain's Day

THE captain's prize is the highlight of a captain's year and members turned out in great numbers to show their support.

A total of 195 golfers, male and female, played in very trying conditions and club captain Barrie Edwards was delighted with the response.

The course, thanks to its excellent drainage, remained playable, and the superb quality of the greens drew praise from all quarters.

Prize-giving took place in the clubhouse in the evening, complete with a barbecue and live music. The winning teams on the day were: Men's first – Jon Rimmer, James Lott, Christian Pascoe. Second – Ray John, John David, Duncan Jenkins.

Ladies' first – Annette Rhys, Karen Lane, Emma Jenkins. Ladies' second – Teri Ward, Allison Hurry, Karen Campbell Ace.

Men's longest drive – Ian Howells. Ladies' longest drive – Liz Attwood.

Men's nearest pin – Martin Haywood. Ladies' nearest pin – Karen Lane.

To contact Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club, telephone secretary's office: 01656 783093, professional: Dylan Williams 01656 772446.

ABOVE: Ray Price and captain Barrie Edwards, along with Charles Price and Jeff Martin.

ABOVE: Alison Hurry, Barrie Edwards, lady captain Teri Ward and Karen Campbell Ace.

Bridgend Bridge Club results

HERE are the recent Bridgend Bridge Club results:

Wednesday, August 8: first Bill Turner and Marjorie Morris, second David Bowen and David Crompton, third Liam Sgeridan and Wendy Williams.

Friday, August 10: first Mary Moore and Jane Brook, second John Henson and Pat Cogbill, third Steve Burgoyne and Bill Turner.

In addition to the regular club nights on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm at Nolton Church Hall there are lessons for beginners on Fridays at 7pm with Graham Jones; lessons for improvers will resume in the autumn.

All welcome, for more information or to register an interest contact Graham Jones 01446 775952, Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968 or David Newman 01656 641938.

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Athletic club voices pride over their Olympian

BRIDGEND Athletic Club wish to express their pride that one of their long-standing athletes, Helen Jenkins, represented Team GB in the triathlon at the Olympic Games in London, placing fifth.

A club spokesman explained: "Helen still trains at the club despite her international success, in particular during the final weeks of her preparation before major events. She still attends local events such as running at Porthcawl and club awards evenings

"With her competing at London 2012 over, Helen's next major targets are building on the first and second place finishes secured at recent world triathlon events in San Diego and Sydney, and looking towards the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow."

A local award evening at the Red Fox shows Helen Jenkins presenting a medal to Zoe Thomas, with BAC chairman Alan Kerr looking on.

Good win for Bryncethin youth

BRYNCETHIN youth visited Fishguard in a pre-season friendly.

Due to commitments only 12 players made the journey and so a 10-a-side game was played.

Bryncethin used the extra space and their speed and fitness to run in 11 tries, Geraint Watkins getting a hat-trick with Paul Short, Corey Bater Connor Law and Zack James scoring a brace each; Paul Short also kicked 6 conversions.

Man of the match went to James Harris for his excellent work at the breakdowns and his tireless support play.

Bryncethin youth entertain Pencoed youth on Saturday during Bryncethin's 'Join the Beat' rugby festival.

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One rushed conversion costs Pencoed dear

CAERPHILLY RFC 31
PENCOED RFC 29
by TERRY REES

PENCOED were a little unlucky not to share the spoils in this their first pre season friendly match at a sunny Virginia Park.

Their hosts caught Pencoed cold scoring a converted try in the opening minute !

Pencoed hit back in the tenth minute, a line out take from Chris John setting up the maul for hooker Nicky Hawkins to peel off to score. Marc Davies converted.

Caerphilly then hit Pencoed with two quick tries to lead 17-7, before ex-Pencoed Youth captain Lloyd Bargery followed up his initial break before regathering a kick ahead to score on his debut at this level, Davies converted for a 17-14 scoreline at the end of the first 30 minute period.

The match was being played over two thirty, and one 20 minute periods.

Pencoed then took the lead for the first time in the match early in the second period by moving the ball wide for Aaron Halse to breach the defence before putting Glen Hiscocks away to score and lead 17-19.

Caerphilly once again got a quick try double to lead 31-19.

Pencoed finished the match strongly in the final 20 minutes, their scrummage particularly dominant before the home side negated this by calling passive scrums; this very frustrating given they had 30 plus players available !

In the final few minutes, Pencoed won a penalty try, unfortunately rushing a missed conversion in front of the posts cost them dear.

Tom Cross then got Pencoed's fifth and final try but could not bring matters level with the final conversion.

Pencoed can take a number of positives from this match, foremost the emergence of the four ex-youth players on view, Lloyd Bargery, Chris John, Lewys Jenkins, and Hywel Price who all came through with credit.

A further boost to the Pencoed camp is the return of former Welsh Schools' international Ieaun Watkins, a return to full fitness from hooker Watkins eagerly awaited.

On Saturday the squad make the short journey to Division 3 South East Pontyclun.

Pencoed Youth entertained Tylostown on the 'Cabbage Patch' running out convincing 38-18 winners.

Tries came from Ryan Russell, Conner Jones, Shane Izatt, Rhys Bargery, and James Tredray, prop forward Tredray's the pick of the bunch scoring from 50 metres handing off a number of Tylorstown defenders en-route.

Adam Williams added 13 points with the boot. This coming Saturday fixture to be confirmed.

WOMEN'S OPENER

On Sunday, Pencoed Phoenix Senior women play their opening friendly at Blackwood.

Young cricketers make Welsh final

BRIDGEND Town under-16 cricket team, winners of the South Wales under-16s Zone D, competed against Zone C winners, Neath, at Newbridge Fields in the semi-final of the South Wales Bill Edwards Cup.

Winning the toss, Bridgend put Neath in to bat first in a 20-over contest. In the opening overs, Archie Yates and Daniel Donelly took two wickets.

The team bowled and fielded well to restrict Neath to 71 all out, with Daniel Donelly (3-12), Tom Dalton (3-14) and wickets for Archie Yates, Troy Smith, Sam Pierce and Elliot Rees. Owen Davies (wicketkeeper) took two catches and one stumped.

The opening partnership of Owen Davies and Tom Dalton (44 runs) paved the foundation before Tom Dalton was out, caught for 30. Owen Davies (22 not out) was joined by Tom Hill (6) and Sam Pierce (12 not out) to seal the victory at 72 for 2.

Bridgend team: T Hill, T Dalton, A Yates, D Donelly, T Smith, S Pierce, O davies, E Rees, I Potts, S Shepherd, B Griffiths.

Bridgend now go on to the final at Pontardulais on Sunday, August 19 at 4.30pm against Llandeilo.

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Duplicate club's medal winners

ABOVE: The medal winners.

PORTHCAWL Duplicate Bridge Club held a triathlon on three consecutive Saturday evenings to coincide with the Olympic Games.

Players from other clubs were invited to participate and cheese and wine were served at the final!

The best two scores of three decided on the winners. Gold medals went to Emer Disley and Pat Haworth and bronze medal went to Tony Haworth.

The club plays at Awel y Mor on Thursdays and Saturdays and at The Rest on Mondays.

For more details, please see website: www.bridgewebs.com/porthcawl